Paris, Wednesday, April 21, 1999

NATO Gets Right

To Use Airspace

Bordering Serbia

Romania and Bulgaria Approval

Will Allow Campaign to Expand

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - Seeking to throw more

airpower into the Kosovo campaign, NATO got approval Tuesday from Bul-

garia and Romania to use their airspace

in an expanded bombing campaign.

The move came as allied officials ac-

knowledged that Serbian strength in the

province was largely undented after four

weeks of bombing and missile attacks.

Albania, another non-NATO coun-

try, already has made its military fa-

cilities available to NATO for the al-

liance's aid to refugees and its attacks

Serbian and Albanian forces briefly

exchanged fire on the border as U.S.

Apache helicopters, unexpectedly re-

inforced with 500 men from the 82d

Airborne Division, started arriving in

The Czecb Republic and Hungary, the two NATO allies closest to Serbia

geographically, also were being asked for help. The Czech government, which

Thousands of Kosovar refugees are

has opened its airspace, was reported Tuesday to have approved letting allied

forces cross the country by road and rail, presumably from Germany to Hungary.

Hungary, the only NATO country

that shares a frontier with Serbia, could

be used as a launching point for a ground drive into Serbia. More likely, officials

said, NATO forces in Hangary would

As the allies sought to tighten the

noose on Yugoslavia militarily and eco-

nomically, NATO reported that Serbian

forces were pursuing "ethnic cleansing"

against the remaining civilian population

of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and, for

the first time, expanding the expulsion

cross-border incursions.

blocked at the border. Page 8.

on Serhian forces in Kosovo.

campaign to Montenegro, Serbia's part-

Serbian forces also were reported to have crossed via Mootenegro into the peninsula of Prevlaka, a finger of Croatia

that has been a demilitarized zone under

United Nations control since the end of

the fighting in Bosnia three years ago. Croatia's official news agency re-

ported the incursion, which increased

the Serbian military pressure on Mon-teoegro, which has Yugoslavia's only

seaport. The incursion would mark the first time that President Slobodan Mi-

losevic of Yugoslavia has challenged the territorial lines that emerged from

the Dayton peace accords on Bosnia, lines that are enforced by NATO.

Officials of neighboring countries said that ethnic tensions were near the

flasb point, notably in Macedonia, rais-ing the specter of a wider conflict if

Serbian forces push out a final wave of Kosovars and send hundreds of thou-

sands of desperate, ill refugees into Macedonia and Albania.

With both sides escalating their of-fensives at what could be a crucial mo-

ment in the conflict, Western officials

said that they were increasingly fearful about the fate of several hundred thou-

sand military-age men in Kosovo.

NATO air strikes once again were hampered by adverse weather, and officials at alliance headquarters admitted that bombing, no matter how effective, would not describe.

would not deprive Serbian armored

forces of fuel completely as long as

Belgrade was able to import gasoline and lubricants via Montenegro.

which operate under flags of conveni-ence. France has led objections in the

alliance to such an interdiction, arguing

that NATO has no legal basis to expand

its campaign to the sea without a UN Security Council mandate.

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Priority Targets

Doctors, Nurses,

Clinics, Patients

By R. Jeffrey Smith

TETOVE, Macedonia — Vesel Elezi

lost his medical clinic and his patients

when Yngoslav security troops roamed

through the Kosovo city of Urosevac on

April 4 and ordered residents to leave. He and his family sought refuge in La-

maj, the remote hillside village where he

week ago. A neighbor hiding nearby

said that wheo the troops confronted him, Dr. Elezi pleaded for his life, say-

are exactly the person I am looking for," and Dr. Elezi was shot.

3 aid workers die in crash. Page 8.

Geneva Conventions governing the conduct of war, doctors and other health

care professionals are supposed to be

exempt from deliberate hindrance or

attack. But in Kosovo, the situation is

reversed: Refugees say that Yugoslav troops are deliberately targeting not

only ethnic Albanian doctors but also

their facilities, leaving virtually the en-

tire remaining population without ac-

The security forces apparently want

to rid Kosovo of medical workers who

might provide care to ethnic Albanian

guerrilla fighters, according to human-itarian aid workers and refugees. The

government also wants to make life in

the province as difficult as possible to

no foreigners have been allowed free access in Kosovo for weeks. But

refugees paint a uniformly grim picture of declining health among the estimated

I million ethnic Albanians who remain

in the province, up to 800,000 of whom

Details are difficult to verify, because

encourage ethnic Albanians to leave.

cess to medical treatment.

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Masked troops found him there a

'I'm a doctor. I'm a health work-One of the soldiers replied, "You

was born.

In Kosovo:

NATO is considering a naval block-

ner in the Yugoslav federation.

Euro Zone Told to Get Currency Backstop

'Action Fund' Urged To Help Countries In No-Fault Crises

By Barry James

BRUSSELS - The European commissioner for economic affairs. Yves-Thibault de Silguy, proposed Tuesday that the 11 nations of the euro zone set up an "action fund" to help countries that fall out of line with the single-currency criteria because of external factors.

... His comments to the economic and monetary committee of the European Parliament were a response to fears raised by economists that the euro zone has no mechanism to deal with crises that affect some nations or regions more than others and that such shocks could create fracture lines that could undermine the currency.

But analysts said the suggestion that there could be any relaxing of the tight criteria that countries must observe within the single-currency area risked lessening confidence in the curo, which has already has fallen sharply against the dollar this year because of the prospect of singgish economic growth in the EU and concern about the Kosovo conflict. On Tuesday, the euro slipped again as the dollar rose against all other major currencies, (Page 14)

Perhaps because of the timing of Mr. de Silguy's remarks, they were not received warmly by some in

Graham Mather, a British Con-servative member of the Espopean statement "imprudent." He prodicted that financial markets would demand an explanation - a position that could him at further downward pressure on the single

An initial market reaction, from Lars Pederson, senior vice president at the Hedge Fund Strategy Group in New York, was scathing, "If I was a German, I'd say I knew it was going to come to this," he said.

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Desperate refugees clinging to a truck with bread Tuesday at Kukes, Albania, as it tried to escape a crush.



A gathering of Orthodox in Belgrade for a liturgy Tuesday by the patriarchs of Russia and Serbia.

Clinton, at War, Hears History Calling As the President Focuses on the Balkans, His Domestic Agenda Fades

By John F. Harris Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - Two months ago, as President Bill Clinton emerged from his impeachment trial and contemplated the rest of his tenure, aides said he viewed Kosovo as a conventional foreign policy problem: He wanted it quickly solved and moved off his agenda.

Now, he views the crisis in the Balkans as a defining moment for his presidency, and for American foreign policy at cen-mry's end. Aides said Mr. Clinton would be occupied for the rest of his term by meeting this challenge, which threatens to drain the political oxygen available for

other projects on his agenda.

The upheaval in expectations was

caused by President Slobodan Milosevic of Yngoslavia, whose monthlong defiance of the NATO air campaign against him has vastly increased the stakes of the conflict for Europe and the United States alike. This has changed the prism through which Mr. Clinton sees the conflict, according to people close to him. He now regards Kosovo as a test between civilized nations and barbarity that will be one of the principal episodes on which his conduct of for-

eign policy will be judged. Mr. Clinton's understanding of these stakes has increased his willingness to use all available means, including ground troops, if bombing does not bring Serbian forces to heel, according to senior officials familiar with his thinking.

And, while Mr. Clinton remains more

confident than many commentators that an armed invasion will not be occessary, White House officials said they are reconciled to the likelihood that bombing could go on for weeks or into the summer. Even if Mr. Milosevic were to fold immediately, the logistical and political task of restoring Kosovo Albanians to their homeland will be with Mr. Clinton for the next year at least.
"This is it," a senior Clinton aide

said. "This is the presidency." History sprang up without notice for this White House. In the weeks leading up to the State of the Union address, the place was abuzz with meetings on how Mr. Clinton should use his time this. year: to promote education reform and

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President Clinton preparing to speak on increasing war funding.

Kim Blames Family Firm For Korean Air Fatalities

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - President Kirn Dae Jung lashed out Tuesday at the family owners of the nation's flagship airline, Korean Air, blaming them for a series of mishaps and the crash on April 15 of a McDonnell Douglas MD-11 cargo jet in

The president said at a cahinet meeting that the airline's troubles resulted directly from "mismanagement by the owners of the company and the owners' management style.

Nancy Park, a spokeswoman for the airline, said Korean Air's president, Cho Yang Ho, did not intend to resign and had no comment on Mr. Kim's remarks. Mr. Cho, the second son of Cho Choong Hoon, chairman and founder of Hanjin Group, the airline's parent, succeeded his uccle, Cho Choong Keon, as president of Korean Air in 1992. Cho Yang Ho's three brothers head other companies in the Hanjin

Mr. Kim's attack on the ownership of Korean Air pinpointed the top-down approach of one of South Korea's wealthiest families and, indirectly, the sixth-largest chaebol, a sprawling empire with interests ranging from shipbuilding to construction.

Mr. Kim, who is struggling to compel the country's largest chaebol to downsize and slash their enormous dehts, cited Korean Air as an example of the problem of ownership by extended families with a view to personal profit and

"Instead of making the best efforts to acquire skilled pilots," he said, the owners of Korean Air "concentrate too much on profits." He ordered the Ministry of Construction and Transportatioo to "be strong in dealing with this type of accident and come up with better

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World Economy Facing Sluggish Year, IMF Says

By Mitchell Martin International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - The world can book for a year of modest economic rowth at best, the International Monetary Fund said Tuesday, with the risk of a slowdown ontweighing the possibility of the more lively expansion common in previous years.

This languid pace is troublesome for developing countries, which need global growth to provide buyers for exports

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that create jobs and bring in cash that can be used to modernize their econ-

The IMF, in a preliminary version of its World Economic Outlook, predicted global growth of 2.3 percent this year and 3.4 percent in 2000. That is little changed from projections it made in December but more optimistic than the 1.8 percent expansion for this year fore-seen this month by its sister institution, the World Bank. World growth in the 1990s, the IMF said in advance of its spring meeting next week, is likely to be 3.1 percent, below the 3.4 percent rate of the 1980s and 4.4 percent of the 1970s.

Michael Mussa, the IMF's chief economist, said the 1999 prediction was relatively firm but that the more optimistic 2000 outlook was probably more subject to downward pressure than an upward revision. With world prosperity in the 1990s

largely dependent on the long expansion in the United States, the IMF said governments should strive to return Asia to economic growth and to reverse the slowdown that appears to be occurring in Continental Europe.

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AGENDA U.S. Trade Deficit At Record High

With the global economic crisis making U.S. goods more difficult to market and booming domestic demand pushing imports to their highest levels, the trade deficit in bruary reached a record \$19.4 billion, 15.6 percent higher than the previous record, the Commerce De-partment said Tuesday. Page 13.

Gunmen Wound 18 At Colorado School

At least 18 students were. wounded Tuesday when two gunmen in black trench coats and ski masks walked into a high school in Littleton, Colorado, a suburb of Denver, and began firing and setting off explosives. Page 2.

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family ownership that characterizes all the South Korean cooglomerates, or chaebol. The airline is one of the leading companies of Hanjin Group, the

Mr. Kim's remarks reflected his acute embarrassmeot at the publicity surrounding the Shanghai accident, in which three crew members and five people on the ground were killed. More than 800 people have died in Korean Air crashes in recent years, in-

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24, soldiers have destroyed more than See TARGETS, Page 8

have been driveo from their homes. Since NATO air strikes began March By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

ANGOON - There are almost no working streetlights in this desperately poor capital. which has been run into the ground by a military junta that bas commanded Burma at gunpoint since 1988. Buildings that date from the British

colonial period, which ended with Burmese independence in 1948, are crumbling and unpainted, leaving only the fnding memory of what once was.

There are lovely sights as well: Buddhist monks in plum-colored robes and Ray-Ban knockoffs; laughing children in crisp white school uniforms and buckpacks: the ancient Shwedagon Pagoda, which rises above Rangoon like a mountain of gold and jewels.

About the only other interruptions in the decay are a few beautifully preserved government buildings, billboards for Japanese electronics companies and several fancy tourist hotels. including the Strand, a regal colonial outpost that bas undergone a multimil-tion-dollar restoration by a Hong Kongbased resort developer.

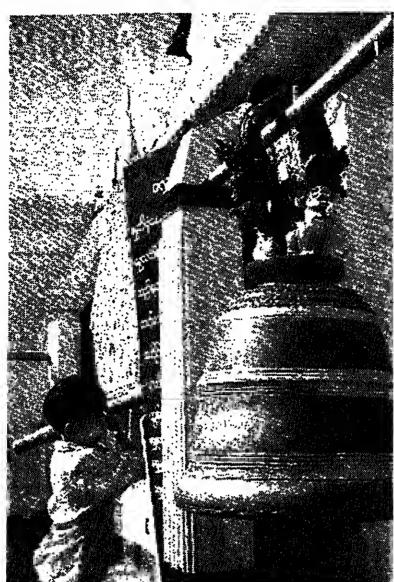
Rooms there cost \$500 or more a right.

and the Strand Bar serves perfectly chilled gin-and-tonics while a three-piece hand plays ragtime. But just outside, barefoot beggars scrounge for handouts and drivers of trishaws — bicycles with a sidecar - will cart you across town for a quarter of a U.S. dollar.

The generals who run Burma have no discernible ideology. They seem to stand for nothing more than the promise that tomorrow will be much like today. They like to play golf in porkpie hats and saddle-shoe spikes. They put lots of people in prison for embracing democracy. But beyond that, their aspirations are unclear, and a four-day tour of this once-grand city offers conflicting clues about exactly what they have in mind for their country

Take prostitution. The generals are said to oppose it, and they seem to spend a lot of time thinking about it. In one of the government's more inventive anti-prostitution decrees, the generals ordered two months ago that women

could no longer work in bars and restaurants.
Yet prostitution is rife at the nightclubs in Rangoon's Chinatown, and nobody seems to mind. Like many things in Burma, that may well be due more to economics than to moral standards. China, the country's northern neighbor, is Burma's largest military and economic patron, and impoverished Burma cannot afford to insult Beijing by mis-treating Chinese expatriates who own and patronize the glitzy discotheques.



A boy ringing a bell at Shwedagon Pagoda, a bright exception to the dreariness and dilapidation throughout the Burmese capital.

The government does tightly control information moving in and out of the country, even monitoring the electronic mail of foreign diplomats. Journalists generally are banned, and those who visit as tourists must be careful about talking to ordinary Burmese, who face harsh punishment for discussing politics with foreigners.

One woman in her early 20s, who works in the service industry for a tiny wage, cannot say her name, where she works or anything else about herself because she could be jailed for talking to a foreign reporter. But she does quietly say that her dream is to be a schoolteacher.

Trouble is, the generals have closed the university again, as they have for more than half of the time since they took over 11 years ago. Universities are often breeding grounds for political uprising, and the junta is taking no chances.

So the young woman waits on customers, wasting her youth, bored, bored. bored. "It's so stupid," she said.

At a tourist attraction elsewhere in the city is a 69-year-old man who was a schoolteacher for years until 1988, when he participated in a big pro-democracy demonstration. The military crackdown on that protest killed 3,000 people in six weeks and led to the government-by-gun that still rules today. Civil servants who marched then were fired and blacklisted. So now the aging scholar laments what he lost and what his students will never have.

The government makes sure people know who is in charge. Soldiers con-duct random bed checks to see that people are sleeping in homes where they are registered with the govern-ment. Sleeping in the wrong place can result in 10 days in jail.

Security services listen to the telephone calls of almost every diplomat and foreigner in town. At the monthly happy bour at the Australian Embassy, a Burmese military intelligence officer sits at the end of the bar, watching and listening without speaking to anyone.

'After being here for a couple of years," a European diplomat said, "I have lost a terrible amount of illusions and I have become terribly sad."

In most of the country, people survive mainly on subsistence farming, but recent floods and droughts have made growing rice, potatoes and other crops

But the poverty growing within and the international repudiation have not made the generals change much.

On Armed Forces Day recently, thou-sands of soldiers marched to a park in central Rangoon to hear inspirational speeches by their generals. It was March 27, the army's day to show off the spit and polish of a 350,000-strong military machine. But

most Burmese never had a chance to see: It began before dawn and was held before an invitation-only crowd of family and friends, who tossed flowers. For a month beforehand, soldiers blocked off the

main streets of the parade route. Troops with rifles and bayonets took up round-the-clock sentry positions, often sweeping for land mines or bombs.

It is not just paranoia: The military knows that it

is, as one foreign resident of Rangoon called it, a 'fundamentally hated regime.'

So the soldiers march by, kept clear of the people by barbed-wire blockades.

New Unrest Fuels Fears Of Breakup in Indonesia

Muslim Protest of Mosque Blast Turns Violent

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - Indonesian officials, fearing that violence could sabotage the country's first democratic elections in more than 40 years and strain national unity to the breaking hawks." point, appealed for calm Tuesday following the bombing in Jakarta of the country's largest mosque and a retaliatory attack by Muslims on a Roman Catholic church complex in eastern

Ujung Pandang.
The police and witnesses said Tuesday that one man was injured and 21 people arrested, including several students, in the arson attack Monday night on the Catholic community center on Snlawesi Island. 1,400 kilometers (850 miles) northeast of Jakarta.

Residents said rioting had broken out during a march to protest the bombing Monday of Istiqlal Mosque in Jakarta. No group has taken responsibility for the bombing of the mosque, in which three

Riven by increasing sectarian conflict and demands by ethnic and religious groups for greater autonomy or indendence, Indonesia could become the Balkans of Southeast Asia unless the government and armed forces take effective action to control the often violent agitation, according to analysts, foreign officials and Indonesian lawmakers.

Amid mounting international concern over the potential for further instability in the world's fourth-most-populous na-tion, Prime Minister John Howard of Australia said Tuesday that he and the Indonesian leader, President B.J. Habibie, had agreed to meet in Bali on April 27 to talk about ways to end "the terrible violence" in East Timor.

The Indonesian armed forces commander, General Wiranto, flew to East Timor on Tuesday after security forces failed to halt a series of bloody clashes between militia groups, which want the disputed territory to remain part of Indonesia, and East Timorese demanding and East Timorese demanding that the description of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Indonesia, said that independence.

Behind the Indonesian military's reluctance to curb the militias that it has organized, funded and armed is a fear that if East Timor were to become independent, it would intensify secessionist demands in other parts of the Indonesian archipelago, diplomats in Jakarta said. Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975 and incorporated it as the country's 27th province in 1976.

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"If that is given to regional government of the state of the of Parliament, warned Tuesday that Inblocs under a government plan to give

greater autocomy to the provinces.

The plan would be a sharp departure President Subarto. Mr. Subarto was and others likewise. forced to resign in May amid street 2 Killed in Aceh Clash

ical violence in recent weeks has intensified fears that hard-line conservatives in the military and elsewhere who with cars, trucks, ambulances and heli- are opposed to the democratic changes championed by the president are trying to disrupt national elections scheduled for June, which are vital to consolidating the reforms.

> The changes include greater anton-omy for East Timor and other provinces in the way they run and finance their

cratic may be gaining ground in in-fluential circles," said Gerry van Klinken, the Melbourne-based editor of Inside Indonesia magazine. "The Habibiesponsored political process over East Timor has triggered copycat demands in Aceh and Irian Jaya, and that alarms the

A. Filitorial.

Nearly 1,000 people have died this year in ethnic and religious violence in Maluku Province and in Kalimantan, on Borneo, and in clashes over the issue of independence in East Timor and

staunchly Muslim Aceh.
"Has the time arrived to seriously worry about the Balkanization of indonesia?" the Business Times asked. "One would be complacent to deny the possibility. Whatever government emerges in Jakarta after the June elections, and whoever becomes president, will have to give high priority to the chal-lenge of keeping Indonesia whole.

The U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, Stanley Roth, said during a visit to Jakarra that the term "Balkanization" had not been used in his talks with Mr. Habibie; General Wiranto and other Indonesian

"I think that what there is." he said, "is a recognition that bow the East Timor situation is resolved does have an effect for the rest of Indonesia."

The Singaporean senior minister, Lee Kuan Yew. said in a recent interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corp. that be was concerned at the potential for violence to escalate in Indonesia.

'You have Christians versus Muslims, which is a very dangerous turn of events," he said. Then you have Malays and Dayaks against Madurese. and in East Timor the beginnings of a real big problem, because you have ir-regulars being armed."

Such developments could. Mr. Lee said, "only lead to more bloodshed. disorder and, eventually, chaos.

Jusuf Wanandi, chairman of the board full autonomy for the provinces was "2 political imperative, for otherwise the center can no longer hold.

But Mr. Chozin, who is a member of the Maslim-oriented United Development Party and sits on a parliamentary committee debating the government's autonomy bill, said that the proposed law could worsen the climate of religious unrest and bloodshed in Indonesia if it gave local authorities power over

donesia could break up into religious eruments, it is out impossible that it will cause the nation to disintegrate as certain religions are concentrated in certain re-are gions, he said in Jakarta. "Aceh may become an Islamic district. East Timor a from the long period of highly cen-tralized rule during the rule of former Christian district, Balt a Hindu district,

Two people were killed when the police in Aceh opened fire Tuesday to disperse thousands of pro-separatist students. Agence France-Presse reported from Lhokseumawe, quoting residents,

The residents said about 10,000 idnior- and high-school students had arrived in Lhokseumawe, the main town in the district of North Aceh on Sumatra Island, in dozens of trucks to demand the. release of 24 students arrested during a protest Monday.

Yacob Hamzah, of the Iskandar Muda Legal Aid Foundation, said a high-"The conservative view that Indone- school student and a member of the sia is perhaps too violent to be demo-police mobile brigade had been killed.

Masked Gunmen Wound 18 at Colorado High School

TRAVEL UPDATE

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON — At least 18 students were wounded Tuesday, some critically, and others were being held hosleast two gunmen in black trench coats and ski masks entered the school and everyone they can." began firing wildly and setting off explosives.

It was the first school shooting this year in the United States, and much of hard." the drama unfolded over several hours on live television. Shootings at schools in four states last year left dozens of students dead or wounded and brought calls for tighter school security and greater attention to troubled students.

The incident, at Columbine High School in the Denver suburb of Littleton, provided gripping drama as television reporters spoke by phone to one student biding under a desk in the school, wbo described the sound of furniture being thrown around in the cafeteria, and another hiding under a bush just outside, so breathless he could barely speak.

Steve Davis, a spokesman for the Jef-ferson County Sheriff's Department, delays at major airports. said, "There have been several shots fired, some explosions heard and some fire in the school."

There was immediate confirmation that the gunmen were still inside, but the police said some students had been hiding in a choir room. SWAT team members searching the building were able to see some wounded students, Mr. Davis said, but could not reach them because the area was not secure.

The trouble began shortly before noon, when the gunmen entered the school. reportedly carrying two shotguns each and with one bearing at least one smaller semi-automatic weapon. They moved through a crowded cafeteria, library and other rooms, opening fire and setting off explosive devices — described either as pipe bombs or hand grenades.

Students and teachers panicked and ran from the school in chaos. Witnesses described a hail of gunfire recocheting through hallways and off of lockers as screaming students fled.

About 15 students were bospitalized, experts investigating minor airports professor at Kyoritsu Women's Univer-and other victims reportedly remained in worldwide that could be susceptible to sity in Japan.

ries. A girl named Emily told a KUSA-TV interviewer that she took shelter gummen entered and began "shooting olence."

shot in the head right there," she said. "Blood was going all over. It was The gunmen, Emily said, "were say-

ing that they wanted to do this for their truck. revenge, for the school I guess, because they're such outcasts."

Iberia Reduces Flights

carrier Iberia said Tuesday that it

MADRID (AP) - The Spanish flag

Development Minister Rafael Arias

Salgado said the numerous delays and

cancellations began with a strike by Iberia

pilots in March and were aggravated by a

shortage of traffic controllers and restric-

Swissair Traffic Delays

ZURICH (Bloomberg) — Swissair said as few as one in 10 of its flights are

leaving on time because of problems

with a new air traffic system that was

200 flights in March, after Europe in-

troduced a new route network to help

increase the flow of traffic by 30 percent

this year. Instead, Swiss traffic has been

cut by 40 percent since Feb. 25, it said.

AMSTERDAM (AP) -- KLM Royal

Dutch Airlines has a team of computer

KLM Checks for Y2K

The Swiss carrier canceled more than

designed to relieve congestion.

tions because of the war in Yngoslavia.

While some students said the gunmen

the school. One hospital treated a female student with nine gunshot wounds to the chest. She remained conscious.

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The upsurge of communal and political and the procession in more than 30 years. group of 10 to 20 students who wear black trench coats to school every day tage in a high school near Denver after at under a table in the library after the and appear fixated with death and vi-Two hours after the incident began, a

"The girl sitting across from me was helicopter-borne TV camera showed a gency workers were at the site. group of more than a dozen students, accompanied by a SWAT team, clambering out of a school window and dash- has an enrollment of about 1,800. ing to shelter behind a nearby fire'

Correction

Two armored trucks were brought to the scene to ferry other SWAT team members nearer the school.

the millennium computer bug and says it

paramilitary squads from several surrounding cities and counties filled the roads and fields around the high school copters. More than 200 police and emer-

Littleton is a town of about 35,000, southwest of Denver. The high school

School shootings last year led to two deaths at a school in Pearl, Mississippi; three at West Paducah, Kentucky; five at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and one at a school in Springfield, Oregon.

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U.S. Editorial Assailed For Mahathir Criticism

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last Wednesday following Mr. Anwar's

"We are prepared to be investigated if these people are our members," he said. "We don't condone violence." Hundreds of Mr. Anwar's supporters

took to the streets of the capital after his

conviction for comuption and clashed

On the first of four consecutive days

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Mr. Anwar's wife, Azizah Ismail, of

■ Question of Rioting Raised

Thomas Fuller of the International

In its attack on The Washington Post

editorial, the Malaysian press agency also said: "The Post editors unabash-

edly support Anwar and his cause and

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prime minister of Malaysia.

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Herald Tribune reported:

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Press Agency Takes Aim at Washington Post

KUALA LUMPUR - A U.S. newsby the wife of Mr. Anwar on Tuesday paper editorial criticizing Prime Min-ister Mahathir bin Mohamad drew a and called on the government to inbitter reply Tuesday from the state-run vestigate the unrest. Malaysian press agency in the latest sign up," Chandra Muzaffar, deputy president of Parti Keadilan Nasional (Na-

of uneasy hilateral ties. In an unsigned editorial headlined "Mahathir's Disgrace," The Washington Post took the 73-year-old leader to task for firing his former deputy, Anwar Ibrahim, and then watching as Mr. Anwar was beset by sex and corruption charges. The editorial was also published

by The International Herald Tribune. The chief cause of Malaysia's problems is its longtime ruler," the editorial

Mr. Anwar was sentenced last week to with riot police, who fired water cannon six years in jail on four corruption to disperse demonstrators. counts. Mr. Anwar, who has said he will appeal, still faces a fifth corruption of protests, windows in a section of

charge and five sodomy counts. central Kuala Lumpor were broken and "In the end, it was Mr. Mahathir who street signs and parking meters were was disgraced," the Post said, accusing the prime minister of seeking absolute Police a power during his 18-year tenure and of corrupting the judiciary.

The official Bernama press agency fired back with a Washington-datelined article headlined, "Washington Post a Disgrace to the Media Community."

"We have not organized any demon-strations as such," Mr. Chandra said.
"If people want to gather to exercise The editors at the Post are apparently living in another planet and appear oblivious to the current economic and their democratic rights peacefully, then political developments in Malaysia," it we cannot stop them." said, calling the newspaper's editors ar-

rogant.

Bernama, which is under the Information Ministry, said the Post had igpored reports by multilateral organizations and securities agencies saying that Malaysia was on the road to economic

recovery. The exchange mirrored strained official ties between Kuala Lumpur and Washington over Mr. Anwar's dis-

missal, arrest and conviction. Last November, Vice President Al Gore set off a storm of protest in Malay- less beatings as in Indonesia - all in the sia when he publicly saluted Mr. An- name of 'democracy'? war's "reformasi" (reform) movement. accused by Mr. Mahathir of trying to not all Malaysians support Dr. Mahathir, hopple the government through Indone-sia-style riots.

nor do they all support Anwar. Not everyone loves Dr. Mahathir nor does

After Mr. Anwar was convicted, Mr. Gore said he was "profoundly from-bled" by the verdict, which a former U.S. ambassador to Malaysia, John about "it said. Malott, called "outrageous."

Mr. Mahathir on Sunday took a swipe Post writes," it added, tends "to be at foreign critics of the Anwar verdict, believed by the majority of the American saying they were racists who denied the public who do not have a clue about who capabilities of nonwhite people to prac- Dr. Mahathir is and where Malaysia is tice democracy and instice. on the map."

BRIEFLY



ROYAL TOUR — Queen Elizabeth II meeting a campus leader Tuesday at Ewha Women's University in Seoul.

Pakistani Authorities Move to Oust Bhutto and Spouse From Parliament

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan --- Pakistani authorities moved Tuesday to strip the opposition leader Benazir Bhutto and her husband of their parliamentary seats because of their conviction last week on cor-

But Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party said it had asked the chief election commissioner to withhold a decision at least until the couple had exhausted the time legally allowed to challenge the conviction before the Supreme Court.

The nuseating move coincided with low-key protests across the country against the April 15 special court ruling that sentenced Miss Bhutto and her husband, Asir Ali Zardari, to five years in prison.

Miss Bhutto, a former prime minister, is opposition leader in the

National Assembly and Mr. Zardari, a former minister in his wife's cabinet, is a member of the Senate. They also face a \$8.6 million fine and confiscation of their property.

Manila Bars Visit by Taiwan Leader

MANILA - The Philippine government has decided not to allow a visit by President Lee Teng-hni of Taiwan, saying it could harm Manila's relations with China and would not contribute to Asian stability, an official said Tuesday.

But Foreign Minister Jason Hu of Taiwan denied there were plans for such a visit and called the rejection "impolite."

China had lobbied extensively against a visit by Mr. Lee, warning that Chinese ties with Manila could be damaged. (AP)

For the Record

From 20,000 to 30,000 villagers were in desperate need of food, fresh water and medical supplies in western Papua New Guinea after the region was hit by the worst floods in 27 years, a disaster coordinator said Tuesday.

A U.S. Marine helicopter crashed into the Pacific Ocean during training in northeastern Okinawa, killing at least three servicemen, the Marine Corps said Tuesday. The fourth serviceman aboard was

India's Chaotic Democracy

Next Government Unlikely to Bring End to Upheaval

By Pamela Constable Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI - From a distance, India's parliamentary democracy may seem an embarrassment at the moment. A popular and respected prime minister has been tossed out after 13 months by one vote. An opposition that promised a new government "minutes" has been fumhling for days without producing a list of supporters or a candidate for

prime minis-ANALYSIS ter. Legislators are fulminating with false righteousness, while making secret deals with their supposed adversaries to benefit

last week have highlighted the vited Mrs. Gandhi for talks pitfalls of coalition politics in Wednesday on the formation a rapidly evolving and unima- of a new government, accordginahly diverse society, they ing to a presidential statealso illustrate the elasticity and ability to absorb shock that is built into India's political system, no matter how flawed or ill-fated the individuals who try to steer it.

Many Indians are disillusioned with their leaders. After five governments in eight years, the last thing they wanted was another period of was ousted Saturday hy a lower-house vote of 270 to 269, the political scene has degenerated into what one columnist called "a carnival of chaos.

Suddenly, an array of regional political bosses are holding the country hostage. First, they gleefully toppled Mr. Vajpayee, widely viewed as a decent and diplomatic man who was slowly nudging a fanatical Hindu nationalist movement toward moderation, and declared victory for the forces of secularism.

Now the frenzy has turned on the Congress (I) Party. long the chief bastion of Indian secularism, as a variety of small parties vie for influence.

The task for Congress now will be, if anything, even more difficult than it was for the BJP," said Pram Chopra,

Janata Party. "I have no doubt that a government will be formed," ure of the next government will be no more stable, and no less turbulent, than the last."

So unappealing is the prospect of governing India in the coming months that Sonia Gandhi, the Congress Party leader, the most recognizable name in Indian politics and the obvious candidate for prime minister, is said to be shying away from seeking that post and trying instead to forge a temporary coalition government with someone else at its head until elections can be held later this year.

emselves. On Tuesday, however,
But while the events of the President K.R. Narayanan in-

a new government within minntes of the vote against Mr. Vajpayee, now say that they hope to come up with some proposal for a government by Thursday, Mr. Vajpayee's aides, not surprisingly, accuse the opposition of battering Inupheaval. Since Prime Min- dia's image as a democracy ister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and "unleashing instability

across the country. Some observers see a deep and disturbing lesson in these events. The features that safeguarded India's young democracy in the past, they argue, have now become hindrances.

a political analyst, referring to tem has become a wounded Mr. Vajpayee's Bharatiya elephant with a thousand ants biting its heels.

Yet the same critics who assail the almost casual ouster be added, "hut I fear the ten-ure of the next government that even this crude development helps prove that India's democratic system is

alive and well. For four decades after independence, India was a oneparty, Congress-led nation. But in the last decade, the rise of smaller parties based on regional and lower-caste interests has created a political landscape that is unpredictable, scattered, immature and far more democratic.

Pessimists say that what happened to Mr. Vajpayee last week, and what is happening to Mrs. Gandhi this week, is one more symptom of India's diseased democracy.

But other analysts point to numerous signs of democrat-ic health: a steadily improving economic picture, an immediate acceptance of defeat by Mr. Vajpayee and a pledge hy opposition leaders not to oppose the outgoing government's budget.

The most promising ele-ment of all is the resilience of Indian voters. If democracy is ailing at the moment, some suggest, there is no need to fear the electoral cure.

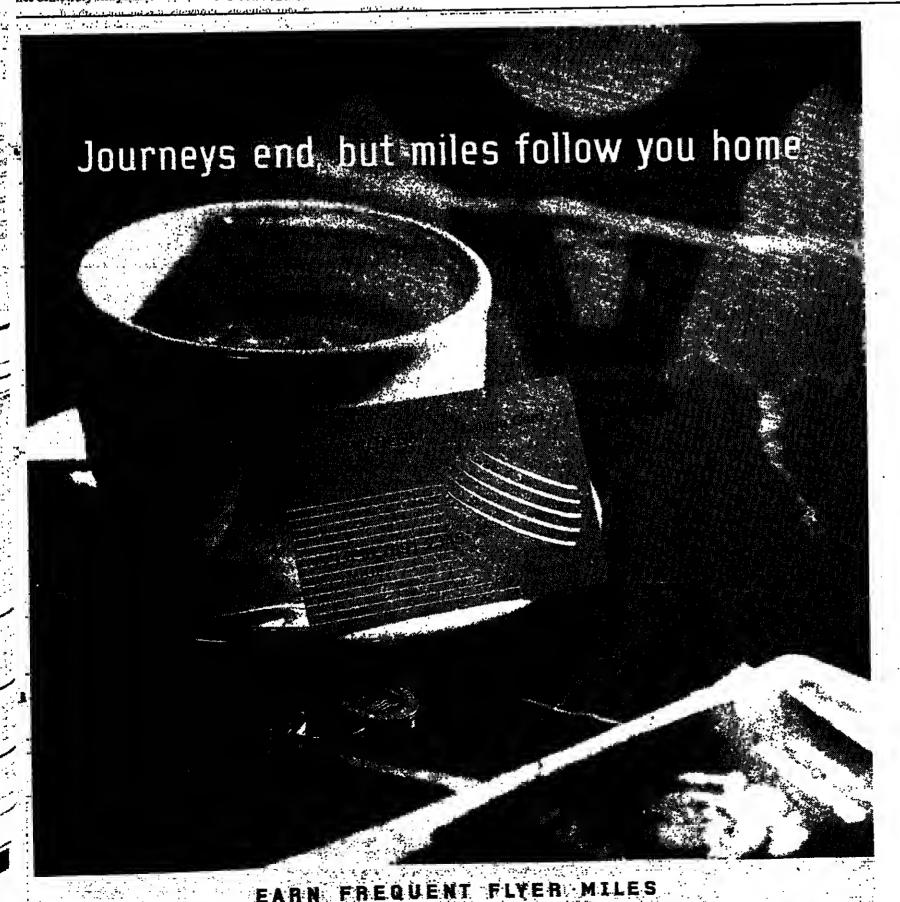
'Elections have a great cleansing effect," Shekar Gupta, editor of the Indian Express newspaper. "This has been a decade of coalitions, and the voters are fed up with it. They want to bring some sanity to the sys-In the name of preventing dictatorship, India's political system, so what we need to do is go back to them."

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Road From Welfare to Work Is a Very Bumpy One

By Jason DeParle New York Times Service

MILWAUKEE - She had practiced her lines and prayed with her mother.

She had bought her children new clothes. After 10 years on welfare, Michelle Crawford was leaving her run-down home in the central city to speak to the Legislature, at the govemor's personal request. She clenched her notes so rightly in the back of the car that it seemed she was trying to choke them.

"I'm not much of a talker," she said, drawthe Wisconsin countryside flew past. An hour later, she sinle the show.

Standing beside the man she calls "Govemment Thompson' - Governor Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin — Ms. Crawford explained how his showcase welfare program had transformed her life. "Today, I'm working as a machine operator, pmviding for my family," she said.

Then with flawless timing, she pointed at the gallery where three of her children were

watching.

Now. she said. holding an emphatic finger in the air. "I tell my kids that this is what you get when you do your homework."

Ms. Crawford's prime-time, lelevised performance - her poise, her humor, her confident smile - filled the chamber with cheers and transformed her, after a life of defeat, into a potent symbol of success. In one resonating moment, she became the most celebrated beneficiary of the most closely watched welfare

applause when he retold "her inspiring stoto a room of conservative supporters at a for his role in torturing a man he suspected of welfare conference in Washingma.

Ms. Crawford's odyssey is indeed a powerful, inspiring surry. It is also an incomplete one, at least in its official telling. In a series of interviews over several months. Ms. Crawford offered a far more complicated account depicting a life that is much more difficult than her admirers realize and less steady than the governor may have hoped.

By Evelyn Nieves

New York Times Service

HAT CREEK, California

- It is not William Welch's

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Intelligence — the first aca-

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fornia, Mr. Welch neither

looked nor sounded like a

starry-eyed optimist.
"Will we find intelligent

life in space in my lifetime?" he said. "It's a very remote

Still, a growing community

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In sharing her fuller story, she said she wanted even the most troubled women to know that they, too, can move forward. I want to tell other girls, 'Hey, if you're going through something, I've been there. I've had those things thrown in my face: 'You'll never be nothing.' There's wom-

en out there scared. As the Legislature heard, Ms. Crawford, 39. is off welfare and on the joh at a plastics factory near Milwaukee. Indeed, after years of severe anxiety and depression, her diligent record recently earned her a raise, to \$8.20 an ing anxious breaths and jumbling her words as hour. But she continues to struggle with panic ers and relatives who envy her achievements.

And recently her 19-year-old son threw her life into new turmoil when he was arrested and charged with possessing cocaine. In the past, such pressures overwhelmed

Ms. Crawford. She was hospitalized for a nervous hreakdown as recently as a year ago, and she said her troubles had been brought on in part by the pressures of the very program—Wisconsin Works, or "W-2" — whose virtues she now represents.

Initially she resented being forced to work for her welfare check, of S673 a month. "To me. it was just like slavery, she said.

Perhaps most worrisome, Ms. Crawford's success has hmught new strains to a volatile marriage. Her husband of two years. Donald Crawford, is an aspiring minister who plays New Testament tapes when he drives her to work and warns. "If you put God first in your life, the Devil won't have time to get in.

He is also a recovering addict who says he program in the country.

He is also a recovering addict who says he received the Holy Ghost in prison three years ago, where he was facing a possible 30 years

stealing drugs. At least four times last year, the Crawfords' relationship erupted in violence. Twice, Mr. Crawford was arrested for striking his wife. who has been beaten by a succession of men over the last 20 years. But once it was Ms. Crawford who was placed under arrest, for hitting her husband in the head with an iron and threatening him with a knife.

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The bane of SETI research-

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51 military installation in

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(The SETI Institute's Web

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On the contrary, the pre-vailing belief of SETI de-

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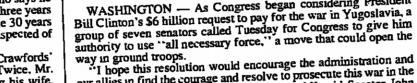
Mr. Zuckerman was also

an outspoken critic of But while those committed NASA's decision to finance telligent extraterrestrial life

to the endeavor include some of the world's leading astron-

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spinning their wheels.



our allies in find the courage and resolve to prosecute this war in the manner most likely to result in its early end," said Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, prime sponsor of the proposal. No such authority was sought by the administration. But Mr. McCain, a presidential candidate and senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he hoped the measure would "encourage Congress to meet its responsibilities."

Michelle Crawford at a plastics factory in Wisconsin, where she

is a held up as a symbol of a welfare-to-work program's success.

POLITICAL NOTES

Senators Back Clinton on Balkans

WASHINGTON - As Congress began considering President

Joining Mr. McCain were Republicans Richard Lugar of Indiana. Chuck Hagel of Nehraska and Thad Cochran of Mississippi and Democrats Joseph Biden of Delaware and Joseph Lieberman and Christopher Dodd, both of Connecticut, (AP)

First Lady on Tour: I Love New York

NEW YORK — Presenting herself as a New Yorker in spirit and in politics. Hillary Rodham Clinton has begun a two-day tour through Manhattan and Long Island, praising the state's history and culture as she expounded for the first time on why she might want to be the senator from a state she has never called home.

"I love New York," she proclaimed Monday, "I always have." Mrs. Clinton was replying to a criticism that opponents frequently raise: that if she ran sbe would be a political opportunist.

In the course of a rigorous 12-hour day of speeches, dinners, photo sessions and a news conference, the first lady also assailed the idea of private school vouchers as a threat to the nation's public education

In so doing, she drew a strong if unstated contrast with New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who is also considering running for the Senate and has emhraced the voucher idea.

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The presidential prospect Elizabeth Dole, maintaining that U.S.led NATO forces must win the conflict with Yugoslavia, with ground troops if necessary: "This is a war. We've got to win it, and win it absolutely

Salon Holba Bradley Now Uncontested As Democratic Alternative But Can He Differentiate Himself From Gore?

By Richard L. Berke

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Former Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey likes to tell audiences that in 1988 he looked at himself in the mirror and said, "You're not ready." He decided not in run for

Four years later, he says, "there was something inside me that said, 'No.

Don't do this. But by last autumn, he recalls, he looked in the mirror again and told himself: "I'm at the top of my game. I'm going to run for president of the United States."

Only months ago, many Democrats questioned Mr. Bradley's timing. They argued that he passed up his best chance in 1992 — and that trying to triumph over an incumbent vice president was a quixotic, even foolhardy, exercise.

But now, largely because of circumstances that Mr. Bradley had nothing in do with, few political professionals dismiss his prospects outright, even as they concede that Vice President Al Gore remains the clear favorite for the nomination. That is because Mr. Bradley has already captured the prize for which nearly a dozen contenders on the Republican side are arduously competing: to emerge as the alternative should Mr. Gore falter.

The parade of other Democrats who had planned to take on Mr. Gore has evaporated, leaving a simple dynamic: If Mr. Gore does not get the nomination, Mr. Bradley does. Never before in a modern-day contest for an open White House has the competition been distilled to two people so early.

"It's Al Gore and I, one-on-one, for It months," said Mr. Bradley, who is known as much for playing basketball at Princeton University and with the New York Knicks as for his 18 years in the

As the only alternative to Mr. Gore. Mr. Bradley is in a much stronger position than he would have been had other Democrats, including Representative Dick Gephardt of Missouri, the House minority leader, Senator Pani Wellstone of Minnesota, and Jesse Jackson not hailed out. He will automatically draw all of the negative vote from those people who dislike Mr. Gore or President Bill Clinton.

And Mr. Bradley will command far more attention from the press, and from voters. On Tuesday, for instance, he plans to highlight his long interest in race relations with a speech in New York that will in part address the case of Amadou Diallo, the unarmed West African immigrant who was shot and killed by city police officers. It is the latest attempt by Mr. Bradley to promote so-called "big ideas" to contrast himself with initiatives advanced by Mr. Gore, like combating local traffic congestion.

"Bradley has two things people like." Senator Bob Kerrey, Democrat of Nebraska, said. "He was a good basketball player and he's smart. If he adds a third e's a leader, he'll be tough."

Mr. Bradley has yet to prove that he is the best candidate to make the most of the one-on-one dynamic. The reality is that Mr. Gore's weaknesses are not necessarily Mr. Bradley's strengths. Both are known as more cerebral, even shy. than back-slapping politicians. Both are often less-than-compelling orators. And it is difficult to decipher any momentous issue differences between the twn, beyond that Mr. Bradley opposed the adunistration's welrare reform measure. He feared that it would force mothers to abandon their children for jobs.

Though at 6-foot-5 (1.96 meters) Mr. Bradley looks a hit awkward mingling with voters, his admirers often walk away from him

ing than they expected, and would be a break clean from the scandalous Clinton His supporters emphasize that Mr. Brad-

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ley has a longestablished reputation as championing Bill Bradley, like Al campaign reform, and that Gore, is not known

his ethics have as a stirring orator. questioned. That, they say, would make a pointed contrast to the Clinton years and the questions that have been raised about Mr. Gore's efforts to raise money.

in the 1996 campaign. Mr. Gore's advisers, already devising arguments to undermine their competitor, say that it is disingenuous for Mr. Bradley, who is 55, to cast himself as a Washington outsider because he was a senator a decade longer than the vice

resident. Mr. Bradley, who retired from the Senate in 1996, has yet to put forward many specifics about what he would do as president. He has been reluctant, for example, to spell out how the administration should be handling the most pressing matter of the day; Kosovo.

Mr. Bradley has nowhere near the endorsements or the vast staff of the Gore organization. Not one member of Congress, not even from New Jersey, has publicly signed on to his campaign, Yet Mr. Bradley has assembled a

skilled staff, including many longtime advisers, although they still seem to be struggling with the unexpected demands. of the two-person matchup.

Insisting that he was well aware of. but unfazed hy Mr. Gore's institutional advantages, Mr. Bradley has offered a sweeping, yet rather vague, explanation for how he can prevail: "Ultimately, the people decide these elections, and they decide them on the basis of who's speaking to their lives and who do they feel is speaking most clearly about the future of the country."

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TOPICS

The Buzz: Renting Out Honeybees **Sweetens Profits Coast to Coast**

You can rent almost anything these days, even bees. In fact, bee rental is hig business in the United States, vital in many farm sectors.

Early each May, for example, more than 100 truckloads of honeybees head northward from Florida and other states to Maine to help pollinate hlueberries. A typical truck carries 400 to 500 hives, or colonies, of bees, each with a queen and 40,000 to 50,000 drones, worker bees and young.

Many of them have just finished harvesting a crop of orange-hlossom honey in Florida; after they are done in Maine, about half of them will move to Massachusetts to pollinate cranberries, and others will go west to Michigan for cucumber pollination. Then it will be New York state for goldenrod honey, then home in the South.

The pollination industry has grown rapidly. Invention & Technology magazine reports, particularly as suhurhan sprawl and disease have dramatically reduced the population of wild bees California is now the higgest bee renter, using 900,000 colonies to pollinate its almond harvest alone. Rental fees are \$35 to \$60 a colony.

Short Takes

The pollen that bees carry from plant to plant does not always need their help in getting around. Just ask Atlantans.

The city, one of the most heavily forested in the country, is coated these days with a thick yellow veil of pine and oak pollen. People have begun paying more attention to the daily pollen count than to the Dow Jones industrial average, and the numbers have left even some experts amazed. The count hit a high of 6,013 grains per cuhic meter this month; a national scale calls 120 "very high."

Only Tulsa, Oklahoma, has similar levels. The sneeze count is off the charts, The New York Times reports. Binlogists are hlaming - what else? - La Niña, the global weather phenomenon that brings a warm winter and an early spring, as well as drooght, after the better-known El Niño.

Penny Dodd knows where the bodies are nuried, thanks to her rather unusual hobby: grave

Like scores of other volunteers, she visits cemeteries, transcribes gravestone inscriptions. then files them via computer to the Tombstone Project. That on-line project posts the data at a Weh site: http://www.rootsweh.com/~cemetery/. This makes it far easier for amateur genealogists to track down long-dead relatives and has helped encourage a new generation of family research-

But the usefulness of electronic sites like Tombstone's relies on the fieldwork of people like Ms. Dodd, of Covina, California, or an Oklahoma man who sent the names of 37,000 burials he had spent 30 years compiling.

A truck spotted by a reader of The New York limes had a variation on the usual "pass" and don't pass" arrows at the hack. The arrow pointing left was accompanied by the word "Grateful," and the arrow pointing right had "Dead" written next to it — both in silver in the rock band's characteristic typeface.

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Away From Politics

 Fire crews gained the upper hand Tuesday on a wildfire that had charred parts of an Indian reservation and chased alligators into water holes as it raged across 173.000 acres (70,010 hectares) of Florida (Reuters) Everglades.

 There is no need to worry about a new "super-aspirin" despite reports of deaths among users, the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday. The Wall Street Journal reported that Celebrex. for which 2.5 million prescriptions have been written since it went on sale three months ago, had been linked to 10 deaths and 11 cases of gastrointestinal (Reuters) hemorrhage.

• Moving to overhaul New York's 20ning laws for the first time in 40 years, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's administration proposed the city's first broad limits on the height of skyscrapers. The rules would no longer allow developers to huild higher buildings in exchange for creating plazas or other public amenities at ground level. (NYT)

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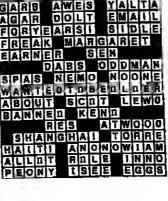
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Turkish Nationalism: Reconciliation's Cloud

Even if the party has lived down its aggressive

country's Kurdish minority and probably damage

relations between Turkey and Europe, partic-

"Nationalism is being bombed to the south and

bombed to the north, and there is an upsurge here," said Dogu Ergil, a professor at Ankara University, referring to the conflicts in Iraq and

been investigated for his work with a group that

voting, and he is likely to emerge as prime min-

Party on national politics has peaked. After stead-

ily gaining votes in the 1990s and raising concern

Mr. Bahceli and nationalist party members said

After taking over the party leadership two years that Mr. Bahceli become prime minister. They another sign that the West regards this crossroads

ago, Devlet Bahceli closed many branches of a said Mr. Ecevit would have to meet some of their between Europe and Asia as an unworthy member

Mr. Ecevit's Democratic Left Party led in the

At the same time, the election indicated that the

influence of the country's Islam-based Virtue recent years.

urges reconciliation with the country's Kurds.

ister for the fourth time in his long career.

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Yngoslavia

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senate leaders and State Department officials say they are close to a deal that could rescue the long-delayed nom-ination of Richard Holbrooke as chief delegate to the United Nations.

The deal would also raise at least a possibility that the United States would settle hundreds of millions of dollars in overdue payments to the organization.

But Mr. Holbrooke's chief Democratic backer in the Senate is warning that the longtime diplomat's nomination, sidetracked for eight months by a Justice Department investiga-tion, could still be derailed by partisan debates over Kosovo policy or over Mr. Holbrooke's ethics.

Democrat on the Foreign Relations Democrat on the Foreign Relations Holbrooke agreed to pay \$5,000 to Committee, said in an interview that settle civil charges that he had vi-Mr. Holbrooke's nomination was olated lobbying laws, and a dispute Administration officials said Section a done deal."

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By Howard Schneider

Washington Post Service

orated with posters of a "greater Turkey" that includes former Soviet republics such as Ka-

zakhstan, an expression of the larger Turkish

They have no burning desire to pull closer to Europe, and, most of all, they demand a hard line

against Kurdish separatists and their jailed leader,

Action Party captured nearly 20 percent of the vote in elections Sunday and positioned them-

selves for a likely role in the next Turkish gov-emment, they set the stage for what could be a

mrbulent debate over Turkey's attitude toward its.

To the party's newly elected parliamentary deputies, a group that likely will join the winning party of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit to form a

new government, their success is a natural out-

growth of the failure of other parties to protect Turkey's interests.

To others, it is a haunting echo from the days

when factions from the right and left openly battled in the streets during the 1970s, an era that

led to a military coup and gained the Nationalist

Action Party a reputation for anti-leftist and anti-

Kurdish minority and its role in the region.

When members of the ultrarightist Nationalist

identity they want to create.

Abdullah Ocalan

Communist thuggery.

ANKARA — Their campaign offices are dec-

Biden stressed:

He added that if Senator Jesse Helms, the North Carolina Republican who is chairman of the committee, and other Senate Republicans did not agree to hold a confirmation hearing in several weeks, the nomination coold, in effect, be dead.

"If it's not done in the near term,"
Mr. Biden said, "it means they've
made a judgment to kill it."
Mr. Holbrooke, a diplomat turned
investment banker who is an architect of the Dayton peace agreement in 1995 that ended the war in Bosnia, has

been active in shaping the policies that led to the NATO air strikes this spring against Yugoslavia. His Senate confirmation has faced two major hurdles since President Bill The lawmaker, Senator Joseph June — the ethics investigation, Biden of Delaware, the ranking which ended in February when Mr.

United Nations. Senate and administration officials

said Mr. Helms had vowed to block Mr. Holbrooke's nomination unless the State Department agreed to support a bill he proposed with Senator Biden to pay the dues. Under the deal between the Foreign Relations Committee and the State Department, the department would support the socalled Helms-Biden bill, which would allow the repayment of more than \$900 million.

The administration agreed to support another provision, which would reduce the overall U.S. contribution to the United Nations budget and require bureaucratic changes.
The State Department had initially

Clinton chose him for the post last balked at several elements of the bill, including its requirement of a 20 percent cap, down from 25 percent today, on U.S. contributions to the overall

uncontrollable and a possible source of embar-rassment in the campaign.

among them a high priority for the fight against Mr. Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers Party.

history, its success is disturbing to analysts who see it as a vote that will stoke antagonism with the given the death penalty following his trial, Mr.

It is, they said, the wrong time for Turkey to approved by the Parliament, and none has been for

"It is an anachronism," said Mr. Ergil, who has stream analysts and commentators.

It seemed, Western diplomats said, a classic

that secular Turkey might choose a fuodamen-talist path, support for Virtue declined sharply in too critical of their records on democracy and

they will not rush into a deal with Mr. Ecevit and aid in Mr. Ocalan's capture and extraditioo - he

coold choose to stay in opposition or even demand was finally captured in Kenya - was taken as

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"I can flat ont say it," Senator and Senator Helms over a measure to was determined to work out a com-den stressed. and Senator Helms over a measure to was determined to work out a com-turn over the overdue payments to the promise with Mr. Helms, if only to rescue the Holbrooke nomination, which has been stalled since it was snbmitted in February.

Officials said a compromise could be reached as early as this week. An agreement between Mr. Helms and the Clinton administration over

his version of the legislation might free up the nomination. But it would not guarantee final passage by Congress or a final decision by President Clinton to sign the legislation and allow the United States to pay the back dues.

Mr. Chinton announced in June that he would nominate Mr. Holbrooke as the chief delegate to the United Nations, a post that carries cabinet rank, replacing Bill Richardson, who be-

came energy secretary. The nomination was quickly sidetracked as a result of anonymous ailegations that Mr. Holbrooke had vi-United Nations budget.

Administration officials said Sec
olated federal ethics laws after resigning from the State Department in 1996 to become an investment banker.

'The first issue is terror, 'said Sevket Yahnici,

Yahnici said, the party will work to see that it is carried out. Although the death penalty is au-thorized under Turkish law, executions must be

Mr. Ecevil has said Mr. Ocalan should oot be an

The nationalist party's success surprised Tur-key's political establishment, its strength was not

reflected in polls or in the predictions of main-

statement of frustration from Turkey's Anatolian heartland, outside the urban hubs of Ankara and

Besides political corruption and high inflation.

Turkey was excluded from a list of countries

In addition, the refusal of European nations to

nationalist sentiment has had plenty to feed it in

invited to join the European Union, a fact taken as

exception to the de facto ban on executions.





IN MEMORY — President Eduardo Frei of Chile laying a wreath on Tuesday at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Warsaw during a visit to Poland.

Neo-Nazi Group Makes London Bomb Claim

LONDON - British police were Tuesday investigating a claim by a neo-Nazi group that it planted a nail bomh in a busy London street market.

The hlast late Saturday afternoon at a market in Brixton, a racially mixed area of London, wounded more than 40 people, including a 23-month-old boy who had an emergency operation to remove a nail from

The only indication as to who might be responsible came in a telephone call from someone claiming to represent the neo-Nazi group Combat 18. The police played a shortened version of the claim at a press briefing: "This is Combat 18. We claim responsibility for yesterday's bomh.

Scotland Yard said it could not rule out a

Berlin Museum Debate

BERLIN - Memorial directors at former Nazi concentration camps attacked the German government's latest design for a loog-delayed national Holocaust memorial Tuesday.

Guenter Morsch, head of the memorial at the former Sachsenhausen camp, told Parliament's culture committee that a memorial should speak for itself and that plans to add a documentation center were "absurd."

He and other memorial directors argued that the 180 million Deutsche marks (\$97.7 million) that the center is expected to cost could better be spent on preserving deteriorating exhibits at former camps. (AP)

Sweden Courts Moscow

STOCKHOLM -- Prime Minister Goran Persson of Sweden will invite Russia to tighten cooperation with Europol, the European Union's common police body, during his visit to Moscow next week, a spokesperson said Tuesday.

Mr. Persson will also propose that the EU help Russia bring its legislation in line with "European standards" and that Russian officials and husinessmen be offered internships in various EU committees handling legal issues.

(AFP) Slovak EU Entry Likely

BRATISLAVA — The European Union's foreign affairs chief, Hans van den Broek, said Tuesday he was optimistic about Slovakia's EU accession talks at the nnion's Helsinki meeting in December.

At a press conference with Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda of Slovakia, Mr. van den Broek said the EU was looking "very much for a success in Helsinki," noting the "change in climate in this country." Mr. Dzurinda, elected in September. has pledged to put Slovakia back on track in EU and NATO integration talks. (Reuters)

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youth wing that party officials concede were terms if a government was to be formed, chief of its club.

the latest polls.

Sudden Cardiac Death May Be Inherited

By Nancy Beth Jackson

NEW YORK -- French scientists say they have documented that sudden cardiac death, like cardiovascular diseases,

may be hereditary. In a long-term study of middle-aged Parisian civil servants, French researchers have found that workers with one parent who died suddenly were almost twice as likely to die that way them-

The risk was nine times as great if each parent had died within an hour of an

The workers also tended to die at about the same ages as their parents, said Dr. Xavier Jonven, the lead author of the study, reported in the current issue of Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association.

This is a positive and significant correlation in the study, but the goal of the article was to provide information, not to make predictions," said Dr. Jouven, a cardiologist at Boucicaut Hos-Every year in the United States about

250,000 men and women suffer a sudden cardiac death, with only about half of them suspecting they have cardiovascular problems, according to the American Heart Association.

The attack may be the first sign of heart disease. As the name implies, many victims die before they can receive

For purposes of the study, Dr. Jouven and his associates defined sudden cardiac death as ostural death that occurred within an hour after onset of symptoms, which are similar to those of a heart with or at risk of heart problems.

been diagnosed previously in the person who died

The genetic link has long been suspected, but information has tended to be gathered retroactively in interviews with surviving family members, which may not be accurate.

The French study was based on medical information gathered through phys-ical examinations and questionnaires administered to more than 7,000 men aged 43 to 52, from 1967 to 1972.

Researchers followed them for an avretirement, tracking their cause of death and correlating the information with parental sudden death.

percent, of the 118 men who had sudden cardiac deaths had had a parental history of that cause of death.

same factors that increase the risks of health measures."

attack, whether or not heart disease had cardiovascular disease, such as smoking, being overweight and a lack of exercise, also raised the risk of sudden cardiac death.

Dr. Valentin Fuster, director of the Zena and Michael A. Wiener Cardi-ovascular institute at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and president of the American Heart Association, encooraged people with a family history of sudden cardiac death to examine their habits and take advantage of cardiac screenings.

Only men were studied, but other crage of 23 years, including after their studies have shown that sudden cardiac death also affects women, though at lower rates.

Dr. Jouven said, "While we don't The researchers found that 22, or 18.6 know if a parental history of sudden death is also an independent risk factor for women, it would be prudent for women who have a family history of The study found that many of the sndden death also to consider preventive

Eggs Cleared Of Raising Heart Disease Risk

for 14 years, has found that eating one egg a day does not appear to raise the risk of heart disease, U.S. researchers reported Tuesday.

Nutrients in eggs may somehow help prevent heart disease and counterbal-ance any harm done by eggs' high cholesterol content, they added.

The egg industry hailed the news as a

long-overdue absolution for a food that is often on the forbidden list for those

Resers

CHICAGO — A study of more than amount of cholesterol, hin moderate consumption does not seem to have a major impact oo heart disease," said Frank Hu of the Harvard School of Public Health, lead author of the study. "If your diet is balanced, you don't

have in avoid eggs," he said.

Mr. Hu's study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Associ-

ation, was taken from information gleaned from two continuing studies that have yielded several findings over the years, the Nurses' Health Study and the Health Professional Follow-Up Study.

EURO: 'Action Fund' Is Proposed to Backstop Single Currency

Continued from Page 1

Mr. de Silguy said he was not proposing that the community bail out states that fail to run efficient budgets.
On the contrary, he said, an action

fund — which should be financed out of budget surpluses — should 'demon-strate the solidarity of the union in the face of circumstances that are totally independent of the political will or the

resources to be channeled into specific needs" would, he said, be a complement the EU, which is actively under discussion by finance ministers and experts in t the euro zone. He did not specify how big I such a fund should be, beyond saying that it should not increase the EU's collective

In no way, he said, should it absolve countries of the need to achieve balanced budgets and to reduce the tax burden.

help if a country is not at fault, and there is no doubt that the hat would be passed around," said Stanley Crossick, chairman of the European Policy Center, a think tank. But he said it was "not a clever idea" to talk about setting up a Unlike the U.S. Federal Reserve, the bailout fund when markets are jittery.

capability of reacting of this or that member state."

What he described as a "fund to allow resources to be channeled into specific with the rest of the European Commission, said he was taking the opportunity of expressing a personal view on his last appearance before the parliamentary committee. A senior aide described his speech as a philosophical reflection for the years ahead rather than as a reaction

> Maastricht Treaty outlining monetary which was signed by the countries union, which states that extraordinary adopting the single currency, he said.

But even that caveat hrought some financial assistance may be granted by criticism. "Obviously solidarity dictates the community if severe difficulties arise in the supply of certain products or if a member state is seriously threatened

European Central Bank has no mechan-Institutionalizing the idea of special assistance 'could become a self-fulfilling periencing exceptional difficulties. Its periencing exceptional difficulties. Its main function is to ensure the stability of the currency, although it is increasingly becoming involved in the debate about economic coordination.

Mark Hendrick, a spokesman on monetary affairs for the Socialist group in the European Parliament, said he was surprised by Mr. de Silguy's statement, maintaining that it contradicted a central premise underlining the single currency: to any particular circumstance.

He described his views as a starting point for discussion in the context of the context of the so-called growth and stability pact,

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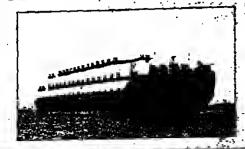
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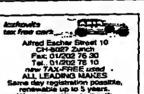
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A Civil Israeli Rivalry, With Roots in Entebbe

Netanyahu and Barak Are at Odds **But They Avoid Bitter Mudslinging**

By Deborah Sontag New York Times Service

TEL AVIV — On the wall behind his lesk, Ehud Barak, the Labor Party's candidate for prime minister, keeps an old photograph of himself disguised in a mechanic's white coveralls, descending on the gangway of a Sabena Airlines

In 1976, posing as a member of the flight crew, Mr. Barak, a highly decorated former general, had just commanded the successful storming of the plane, which bad been hijacked by Palestinian terrorists.

Somewhere outside the range of the picture stood Benjamin Netanyahu, then one of the lieutenants in Mr. Barak's small elite force, now prime minister and Mr. Barak's chief rival for the top post in

That the episode figures prominently in both of their political biographies underscores bow very small the power elite is in this country of 6 million people. Personal or intimate professional connections between leaders often predate their political antagonisms.

In this case the relationship between Mr. Barak and Mr. Netanyahn — that of a former commander and his lieutenant - and between their families may be preventing an otherwise bruising camaign from descending ioto a quagmire

The links may have prescribed natural limits based on some degree of mutual respect and shared history between the wo candidates.

Or the civility could arise from polls idicating that personal attacks de-

Congo Rebel Leader Vows to Fight On **Despite Loss of Ally**

KIGALI, Rwanda — The Congolese rebel faction leader, Jean-Pierre Bemba, said Tuesday that be would continue his armed struggle despite a peace deal signed in Libya between his main backer, L'ganda, and President Laurent Kabila.

The agreement, which calls for a cease-fire, the deployment of African peacekeepers and the withdrawal of forone small wheel turning the wrong right troops, was brokered Sunday by the way:"

And then the simile: "I think of him as a high-quality mechanical watch with peacekeepers and the withdrawal of forone small wheel turning the wrong way." Lihyan leader. Colonel Mwammar Gad-

Mr. Bemba received military training last year in Uganda, which has provided Mr. Bemba's rebel force, the Congolese Liberation Movement, with logistical

and military support.

Less significant than the main Congolese Rally for Democracy rebels, the Congolese Liberation Movement has nevertheless captured a string of towns in the north of the Democratic Republic

of the Congo.

But Mr. Bemba insisted he was independent from Uganda and had the
muscle to continue the war with or without Ugandan belp. Like everybody else, I've heard that

there was a cease-fire, but for me I'm not involved." Mr. Bemba said by telephone from the Ugandan capital, Kampala, where he has been for a week visiting senior officials.

livered by the candidates do not work. Either way, a campaign that was expected to focus exclusively ou character—and specifically on Mr. Netanyahu's perceived flaws as a leader — has more content than most Israeli political analysts give it credit for.

Ideologically, it turns on the very different attitudes toward peacemaking of Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Barak, the leading contenders in a five-way race for

On May 17, Israelis will cast two ballots — one for a member of Parliament and the other for prime min-

The storming of the Sabena airliner was a formative experience for both men, one of several defining encounters with terrorism. But they drew radically different conclusions from their experiences, shaping their very dissimilar perceptions of Israel's strength and stability in a volatile Middle East.

While the public debate has been superficial, each candidate has in recent interviews fully expressed an attitude toward peace that grows from divergent visions of Israel at its age of 51.

Mr. Netanyahn described a country that must still be on guard against those who want to destroy the Jewish homeland. Mr. Barak saw a country strong as Barak.
"a kind of a benign killer whale" in a "W

'tough neighborhood.' Personally each man, and especially Mr. Barak, spoke of the other without the vehemence voiced by their campaigns. Although Mr. Netanyahu described

his opponents on the left as consumed by a "great deal of antipathy, if not hatred," for him, he did not ascribe responsibility to Mr. Barak but rather to the Labor Party.

Mr. Barak sounded relatively gracious, if condescending, in describing the prime minister - even if be did conclude by referring to Mr. Netanyahu with a withering simile.
"Bibi's not a bad man," Mr. Barak

said, using Mr. Netanyahu's nickname.
"He's not a kind of superficial as his political opponents from Likud or our side try to make him. He's focused. He's systematic. He's well intentioned. He's not trying to destroy anything delib-

"He's trying to do the right things for

Nearly 25 years ago, Mr. Netanyahu, hati, and was signed by President Kabila a graduate student at the Massachusetts, and President Yoweri Museveni of Institute of Technology, and Mr. Barak, a graduate student at Stanford University, flew back together from the United States to fight in the 1973 war. Three years later, in an episode devastating to both of them, Mr. Netanyahu's older brother, Yonatan, a commando, was killed in the airborne raid to free hostages in Entebbe, Uganda.

Mr. Netanyahu and his brother were very close. Mr. Barak and Yonatan Netanyahu, who once served as his military deputy, were dear friends who lived in the same apartment complex. Mr. Barak's wife, Nava, broke the news to Yonatan's girlfriend that he had been killed. And on the anniversary of the Entebbe raid, Mr. Barak and Mr. Netanyahu both faithfully visit Yonatan's

grave on Mount Herzl. Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Barak have been running neck and neck, with Mr. Barak a couple of percentage points



Benjamin Netanyahu, right, in 1973. Ehud Barak, far left, watching as a freed hostage was helped from airliner.

ahead recently. Another former general inside the intimate circle of opponents. Yitzhak Mordechai, the Center Party candidate, has been trailing them. He was a defense minister under Mr. Netanyahu and a commander under Mr.

"With all of these Center Party rvs," Mr. Barak said, referring to Mr. Mordechai and the three other leaders. I go back so far I knew their wives before they did."

In private conversations the prime minister has spoken of Mr. Barak with a kind of chilly admiration, referring to him as a man of substance who, like himself, has complex, often prickly relationships with associates. During the interview, Mr. Netanyahu

neither sang Mr. Barak's praises uor assailed him personally. He offered his public criticism — that Mr. Barak, at heart a leftist, would "fold" before Palestinians' demands.

Mr. Barak hardly sounds like a leftist outsiders. He calls the West Bank by its biblical - and military - name, Judea and Samaria. He talks not of integration with the Palestinians but of a did not control the Arabs."

By Joel Greenberg

a compromise to resolve a violent dis-

in Nazareth. The plan would allow a

small mosque to be built next to a

planned plaza for millennial pilgrims.

build a large mosque on the site of the plaza set off clashes for several days

this month in the Israeli Arab town,

which is revered by Christians as the childhood home of Jesus. The Vatican

and church leaders warned that mil-

lennial celebrations in Nazareth, in-

cluding a visit by Pope John Paul II, could be jeopardized.

The office of the Vatican's envoy to

Israel declined to comment on the plan

Monday, but Muslim leaders in Naz-

areth rejected it, setting the stage for

weeks or even months of litigation

before the government takes acoon.

The conflict over Muslim plans to

"physical separation" from them. And he says it pains him to think of conceding land to the Palestinians or the Syrians, which would be decisions made with his head, not his heart.

But unlike Mr. Netanyahu, he does not see Israel as in danger, and that makes a world of political difference.

To Mr. Netanyahu, Israel may be close to becoming an economic "miracle" hut remains vulnerable. Too many concessions in the name of making peace could create what be says the Palestinians want: "a reduced Israel that is largely indefensible, huddled on a fragile coastline with a Palestinian state on the mountains above bolding an Iraqi or Iranian umbrella,

To Mr. Barak, Israel has emerged as 'the strongest country in a thousand

"We have to get rid of this ghetto anxiety," he said, "that we are still surrounded by demons. We are surrounded by rivals that are taking care of their business and we are taking care of ours. We are stronger already, but we would be stronger still if we were united and we

Nazareth Plan Leaves No One Satisfied

pute is already under consideration.

"This is a decision, not a proposal

for negotiation," said Motti Zaken. the

prime minister's adviser on Arab af-

fairs. "I'm happy that the parties are

not satisfied, because this is a com-

promise, where no one is pleased but

Mosbe Katzav, the cahinet official

responsible for Arab affairs, predicted

that both sides ultimately would accept

the plan, "because the government has

The dispute focuses on 2,000 square

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land near the Basilica of the Annun-

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that she was carrying a son. Nazareth will stay there.

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JERUSALEM - Israel has adopted mediate. Officials said that if the plan

pute between Muslims and Christians press its case in court, where the dis-

A committee of senior Israeli of- cleared the area 18 months ago for the

ficials decided on the compromise Sun- plaza to accommodate pilgrims expec-

was rejected, the government would held prayers at the site, next to a struc-

site where the angel Gabriel told Mary vote majority on the city council. "We

day after several unsuccessful efforts to ted for celebrations of 2000.

Mr. Netanyahu scorns the idea that a Westem-style peace can be forged between Israel and its neighbors - a peace built on "goodwill and concessions." Concessions to dictators or undemo-

cratic governments are seen as "signs of weakness and stimuli for additional aggression against you," he said. He wants Israel's security to come first, and mocks the many "grand ceremonies on man-icured lawns" that have accompanied treaty signings.

Mr. Netanyahu bas long advocated peace with security." He insists that the Palestinians clamp down more systematically not only on terrorism but also on anti-Israeli propaganda before Israel firms over any more land in the West Bank. He says that peace should be made slowly so that it can last.

The other way, it's faster, but you wake up not with a hangover but with a potential catastrophe," he has said.

Mr. Barak, however, believes that the time minister is holding the bar too high. He jokes that Mr. Netanyahu wants all of Israel's Arab neighbors to convert to "Jeffersonian democracies" before he will consider making peace.

Muslims set up a protest tent and

ture revered as the tomb of Shihab a-

Din, a 12th-century Muslim leader

stores in the Muslim-majority munici-

pality were attacked with firebombs

and stones were thrown at Christian

The plan presented Monday

provides for a modest mosque at the

disputed site and promises an alter-

native site in Nazareth for a large

mosque. Nazareth's Christian mayor,

Ramez Jeraysi, supports the plan, but

Salman Abu Ahmad, a leader of the

Islamic Movement, which has a one-

'We will not leave this land." said

local Muslim leaders rejected it.

The dispute erupted April 4, when

who died in a Crusade battle.

motorists and shops.

Separatists Reported to Face Torture By Chinese

By Michael Laris

BEIJING - Authorities in the northwestern Chinese province of Xinjiang routinely arrest, torture and execute members of the region's Uighur ethnic group as part of the government's effort to control the population and punish alleged separatists, according to a report Tuesday by Amnesty International.

Interrogators use barbaric and invasive techniques, including "sexual torture," to exact confessions from political prisoners. Amnesty Interna-tional said, citing interviews with former prisoners.

Security agents also reportedly forced demoustrators arrested after a protest and riots in February 1997, to stand outside for hours in freezing temperatures and made others run barefoot in the snow, resulting in frostbite and multiple amputations, Amnesty Internacional said.

The London-based human-rights group made public its findings of "gross and systematic human rights violations" in the mostly Muslim province as the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva is considering a U.S.sponsored resolution condemning

Beijing's overall rights record.

Similar resolutions have been defeated every year since 1990, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told a congressional committee last week that the motion faced an "ophill buttle."

The huge expanse of Xinjiang Province is one of the most sensitive regions in China. The majority of its residents are Uighurs, ethnic Kazakhs wbo speak a form of Turkish.

Beijing has tried to increase control of Xinjiang by moving millions of ethnic Han Chinese settlers into the region. The Communist Party also tightly restricts religious activities in the province.

Terrorists aiming to create an "East Turkestan" have carried out bombings in the province - and as far away as Beijing — resulting in numerous deaths and injuries. Chinese officials say Taleban agents from Afghanistan have trained Xinjiang's terrorists.

Wang Lequan, head of the Com-munist Party in Xinjiang, said in March that "due to the infiltration of foreign separatist forces, a very small minority separatists in Xinjiang often exploit the simple ethnic and religious feelings of to carry out inflammatory, subversive and terrorist activities.

Beijing has undertaken a series of campaigns against separatist advocates resulting in sweeping arrests. But Amnesty International said Tuesday that official Chinese reports on terrorism "obscure a more complex reality in which many who are not involved in violence have become victims of human rights violations."

■ Tiananmen Mourning Urged

Dissidents are asking Chinese to light candles, wear plain clothes and give up a night of entertainment in a public show mourning for those killed in the military assault on Tiananmen Square demonstrators 10 years ago. The Associated Press reported from Beijing.

*One small stick of candlelight perhaps doesn't count for anything," said the lener released Tuesday by Human Rights in China, a group based in New York, 'But tens of thousands of candlelights will shake the public will and create awe in the public soul."

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Jamaicans Protest Gas Price Rise

KINGSTON, Jamaica - Several shops were looted, two bridges were burned and at least 70 people were arrested across Jamaica on Tuesday as angry drivers stepped up an islandwide protest against increased gasoline and diesel fuel prices. Most schools and businesses were closed Tuesday as

protests continued. The demonstrations started Friday, eased during the weekend, but resumed Monday. Protesters felled trees Tuesday to reinforce roadblocks set up across the conn-The price of leaded gasoline rose to 53 cents U.S. a liter last

Friday from 41 cents, while diesel fuel jumped to 46 cents a liter from 35 cents.

Bombs Go Awry in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - U.S. Navy officers on Tuesday began investigating what went wrong when two F-18s fired 500)-pnund (230-kilogram) bombs off-target during night exercises, killing a civilian security guard. The accident Monday night renewed an ootcry against the

massive U.S. military presence on the Puerto Rican island of Vicques, where pilots have been training to bomh Kosovo, it also could strengthen opposition to ongoing construction of a radar station to help detect drug-smuggling planes.
Governor Pedro Rossello wrote to President Bill Clinton on

Tuesday asking for an immediate end to the bombing ex-

Cancer Increases Near Chernobyl

KIEV - More than a decade after the explosion of Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear power station, the poisonous radioactive legacy of the accident is crippling the health of younger generations, officials said Tuesday.

"Statistics show rising numbers of radioactivity-related diseases." Olha Bobyleva, the deputy health minister, told a news conference. "We have also registered a growth in the number of general diseases, especially among children and pregnant women. Mr. Bobyleva said four children bad died from thyroid

cancer, with the total number of cases of the disease reaching

1.200 among those who were under 18 in April 1986, when

Chemobyl's fourth reactor exploded. Mr. Bobyleva said the number of leukemia cases registered among employees who battled the explosion was twice as high as the national average.

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From 3 Miles Up, War Is Not Really Precise

Pilots Watch Tiny Screens and Dodge Fire

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

WASHINGTON -- Peering down at the ground from 15,000 feet or higher. NATO pilots like those who reportedly attacked civilians in Kosovo by mistake last week rely on technology and their own eyesight to identify targets.

They often have to make decisions

under trying conditions.

Military pilots said in interviews that while they are usually able to distinguish between broad classes of vehicles from altitudes of at least 4,600 meters — a tank from a passenger car, for example - it is very difficult to pick out details or to make an identification with 100 per-

Attacking pilots rely on three basic types of information in identifying tar-

They are in radio contact with com-

They have heat-sensing infrared cameras that allow them to magnify fuzzy pictures of what is on the ground. And they have their own eyes.

But identifying targets is complicated by the altitudes and speeds at which the pilots fly, as well as by weather and and with my targeting pod — IR piccombat conditions -- including a possibility that enemy troops are using civilian vehicles or are using civilians as

In the Balkans conflict, NATO pilots have been flying fairly high to avoid

One U.S. Air Force F-16 pilot likened

"It's part of the joh and you get used to that, but it's extremely difficult to put them understand the complexity." the sharply as a television camera.

it might seem. General Leaf said that a pilot in another plane, who used highpowered hinoculars to study the convoy that was being attacked, and the attacking pilot had concluded that the convoy included military vehicles.

"As I reviewed the tapes with the

attacking pilot is going through when it released an audiotape last week of the the convoy attacks.

munications aircraft and spotter planes.

making a series of passes just after midday over an area of Kosovo in which he

formly shaped dark green vehicles, look like deuce-and-a-half troop-carrying ve-

He said he went in "on two passes to

He subsequently dropped a laser-guided bomh that he said destroyed one

The infrared, or IR, camera to which the pilot referred is part of a targeting device contained in a military system known as Lantirn. The system was dethe experience to hungee jumping from veloped to provide low-altitude navigthe top of a building and trying to pick ation and night-time targeting, but it is out details on the ground during the descent.

ation and night-time targeting, but it is routinely used by fighter pilots for targeting during daytime as well. Its heatsensing infrared camera is able 10 pick out targets from a distance of up to a lay person in that situation and have 25,000 feet, but it cannot display them as

liot said.

Pilots say they are trained to recognize vehicles that they are likely to encounter in attacking two convoys in Kosovo last in a combat area, particularly tanks and week, Brigadier General Daniel Leaf, troop carriers. But because of their speed commander of an air wing at the NATO and altitude, pilots say they also rely on air hase in Aviano, Italy, said Monday in their infrared targeting device, which

KOSOVO: Neighbors Lend Their Airspace

Hubert Vedrine, the French foreign minister, said that Paris backed an allied study to pinpoint sources of vital supplies for Belgrade's military machine and suggested that the European Union might be able to provide a basis for action against the suppliers.

NATO also could bomb facilities at ports in Montenegro used to unload pe-ficials haramered away at the themes of troleum, hut allied officials so far have Serbian harbarity and their own faith that

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- iocluding those with chronic dis-eases, and infectious ones such as tuber-

At the same time, the refugees said, the Yogoslav military has moved armored vehicles onto the hospital grounds. This would constitute a violation of the Geneva Conventions upholding the principle of medical neutrality, said Sheri Fink, a doctor who for Human Rights and has been inter-

out anesthesia by a nonsurgeon. Even before the Yugoslav government members of the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army, security forces had freassassinated — ethnic Albanian health care workers on grounds that they must

'As we watch these videos in the

one of the convoy attacks.

preferred restraint as a way of protecting the air war would shake Mr. Milosevic

Doctors and Clinics

cording to officials of the organization tensify their repressive campaign who have fled here. Before the onset of against civilians in Kosovo. ethnic violence in 1998, the clinics Overall, the air war has destroyed served about 2,000 patients a day. On the only about a tenth of the Serbian military day after the bomhings started, the pre-eminent medical clinic in Kosovo, located in central Pristina, the provincial capital, was not only looted and bombed

ethnic Albanian organization. With a put total Serbian military strength in serious food shortage and many people living outdoors after being expelled from their homes, he said, the lack of drugs or for epidemics to spread and Kosovo to be turned into a massive grave."

Virtually all of the ethnic Albanian patients at the public hospital in Pristina culosis - have been expelled in recent weeks hy the Serbian hospital administrators and hy government troops, according to several former patients who have fled to Macedonia. Last week, the influx of refugees included four dialysis patients in dire need of treatment.

tillery, radar, some tanks and other ar- any attempt to use ground troops to mored vehicles onto the hospital confront the Serbian forces or even crerality, said Sheri Fink, a doctor who mada in enlisting the cooperation of works for the Boston-based Physicians Bulgaria and Romania. Both are non-

tients in Kosovo," Dr. Fink said. She cited the case of a refugee who recently influx and threatened with Serbian atarrived at the Brazda camp near the tacks, already has sought to cast itself as a Macedonian capital of Skopje with a country that has become a ward of NATO very serious gunshot wound in his ex-tremities and gangrene of the feet. She to alliance needs, it issued an appeal for satellite radio network that would help tremities and gangrene of the feet. She to alliance needs. It issued an appeal for said he had had his toes amputated with-

began an all-out war March 20 against Apache Longbow attack helicopters quently harassed — and in several cases after NATO asked for them. have been helping the rebels, said of-ficials with the Mother Teresa Society airfield, the Apaches will only become and the Kosovo Red Cross.

comfort of this room and on a large display, it appears possible the vehicles are tractors or tractor-type vehicles," he said after playing back cockpit videos of

ilots, they agreed," General Leaf said. However, they were emphatic that from the anack altitude, to the naked eye, they appeared to be military vehicles."
NATO provided a glimpse of what an

debriefing of a pilot involved in one of On the tape, the F-16 pilot described

saw villages hurning.

The pilot said he saw "three uni-

of the vehicles

Brussels that distinguishing between a provides them with a magnified picture tractor and a military truck is harder than on a small screen by their knee.

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the pro-Western government in the tiny republic from being overthrown hy the Hungary has not cut off a pipeline running across its territory that takes oil to Belgrade, apparently because of fears for the Hungarian minority in Serbia.

In their effort to sustain morale in NATO countries, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain and other Western ofand scatter his forces to Kosovo.

But their show of confidence had to contend with new disclosures about the shortcomings of NATO's air campaign. As Mr. Blair announced that raids had destroyed half of Serbia's fleet of Russian-made MiG-29s. Western officials in other countries reported that Serbian 90 community-based health care clinics forces had stepped up their use of heli-run hy the Mother Teresa Society, accopters and low-flying aircraft to in-

> capabilities, General Jean-Pierre Kelch, chief of the French general staff, said

Tnesday in Paris. NATO's civilian spokesman, Jamie hut hooby-trapped, residents said.

Most of the doctors have fled, and those who remain in the Serbian province

Shea, said that despite the air attacks, Belgrade had been ahle to send 'about 8,000' more troops into Kosovo.

A Pentagon spokesman later lowered who also fear leaving their homes.

'It is a catastrophe,' said Isuf Dedushaj, head of the Kosovo Red Cross, an observations. But the U.S. official, who Kosovo at 43,000 men, said that Belgrade had managed to beef up the paramilitary police units that were continuing to drive out inhahitants, hurn buildings and in some cases execute

male Kosovars. In what Mr. Shea called 'a kind of American aid workers Sunday in an auto-anti-humanitarian corridor,' Serbian mohile accident near Kukes, Albania. forces apparently were driving about 150,000 Kosovar refugees away from the provioce's northero border near Serhia and toward Pristina, the provincial capital, implying that Mr. Milosevic was pursuing a systematic emptying of the area near Serbia, perhaps with an eye to partition, and also perhaps rounding up the civilians as a final shield against

allied air attacks. With Western officials still ruling out ate limited perimeters of safe haven for Nations Kosovars, NATO sought to gain more angles of attack for its growing air ar-NATO countries that want to join the viewing refugees in Macedonia.

"We have found systematic abuses against ethnic Albanian doctors and pa-

massive Western aid after the conflict. The spearhead of a low-level air assault on Serbian tanks, 24 U.S.-made were due to arrive at their newly built hase in Albania on Tuesday, three weeks

Hampered by mud in their improvised lecting art and supporting artists.

She established the Penny McCall base, which U.S. advance teams apparartists, especially women and minorities. he said in his remarks to the cahinet. operational in a week, officials said.



Ethnic Albanian children from Kosovo running from a helicopter after it landed in Kukes, Albania, on Tuesday.

Russia Angling for Role as Mediator

Yeltsin Tries to Redeem Himself by Finding a Solution to the Crisis

By Celestine Bohlen

NATO dropped its first bombs on Yugoslavia, Russia - one of the few now eagerly auditioning for the role of mediator.

fetched dreams of a Slavic union, President Boris Yeltsin has moved Russian diplomacy on to more pragmatic ground, searching for an end to a war

his newly employed special envoy, former Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, began a tour of Russia's neighbors, looking for a common position on a way out of the impasse in Yugosla-

Meeting with Russian journalists, Mr. Yeltsin again stressed Moscow's readiness to play the role of intermediary between the NATO alliance and President Slobodan Milosevic of

papers Tuesday. "They know that, and in that context, we are collecting points. Good points." He urged the journalists not to exaggerate the prospects of a union link-ing Russia, Belarus and Yugoslavia, a proposal that has been enthusiastically

endorsed by the opposition-dominated Russian Parliament. "We will consider it," he said, "that's it. We cannot discard it now because then we would abandon Milosevic. And we want to embrace him a hit more closely. And hold him

Just what Mr. Yeltsin had in mind with his bear-hug imagery was not immediately clear. But according to Russian observers and Western dip-

use its access to Mr. Milosevic to per-MOSCOW — Four weeks after on terms acceptable to NATO.

"Yeltsin doesn't want to be locked in an embrace with Milosevic that is not countries to have lent a sympathetic ear under his control." said one Western to Belgrade and turned a blind eye to diplomat in Moscow. But, the diplomat reports of atrocities in Kosovo - is noted, it is still not clear what leverage, if any, Moscow has over Belgrade.
"Russia has no influence over Bel-

While his Communist-nationalist grade, as Milosevic has proven over opposition keeps itself husy with far-the years," said Maxim Yusin, a respected foreign affairs analyst for the newspaper Izvestia, "He has used Russia only when he wants to frighten the West, Otherwise, he is always ready to

According to Mr. Yusin, Mr. Primakov then floated a proposal in-volving the partition of Kosovo, hut that idea was apparently rejected by Mr. Milosevic, perhaps because it came too early in Belgrade's campaign to push the Albanian Kosovars out of the province.

In the last week, Russian officials have toned down the harsh Cold War rhetoric that characterized their first response to the NATO strikes. But the anti-Western mood in the country is We are ready," he said in off-thecuff remarks, reported in Russia newsstill strong, as Russian politicians and much of the media continue to focus led atrocities inside Kosovo with skep- comed Alexey's visit "as an expresucism.

> But there were new signs this week sian people. that Russia is now willing to hear other views of the situation inside Yugoslavia. Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, due to set off soon for a tour of the Middle East, met with members of the Tuesday and listened as the Iranian public appearances since the bombing began.
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lomats, Moscow is clearly hoping to Haidar Aliyev of Azerbaijan in Baku, Mr. Chemomyrdin heard both leaders condemn both the NATO air strikes and the "ethnic cleansing and gen-ocide" inside Kosovo, words that Moscow has until now refused to accept.

And in a sign of a subtle shift to Russian public opinion, the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, Alexey II, arrived Tuesday in Belgrade with a message that for the first time suggested that Russia's Eastern Orthodox brethren in Serbia bear a share of the guilt for the

tragedy that has befallen their country. "See to it that reconciliation and accord triumph," Patriarch Alexey told a crowd in Belgrade, according to On Monday, he talked directly to President Bill Clinton, their first conversation since March 24. On Tuesday, his newly employed exactly to most approach to the West, and the early days of the war, Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov came back empty-handed from a diplomatic mission to Belgrade.

Mr. Milosevic said Tuesday that he saw Russia and the Russian Orthodox Church playing a key role to ending the NATO bombing of his country, Reuters reported from Belgrade.

"Russia will also contribute to estahlishing peace as soon as possible and to halting this aggression that is not grounded in a single moral, legal or any other principle," Mr. Milosevic said after meeting Patriarch Alexey at the Yugoslav president's Belgrade palace.

Mr. Milosevic, whose meeting with Patriarch Alexey and the Serbian Ortheir attention on the damage caused by thodox patriarch, Pavle, was shown by NATO bombs, treating reports of Serb- Serbian television, said Serbs welsion of the great solidarity of the Kus

"We have known Patriarch Alexey for a long time. We know he is a great patriot. We also know he is a great fighter for peace, and his efforts to fight for peace must certainly yield results," Islamic Conference Organization on Mr. Milosevic said in one of his rare

under way in Kosovo.

Meeting on Tuesday first with President Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia peace settlement between Mr. Miloin Tiblisi and then with President sevic and NATO.

Thousands Of Refugees Stranded by Macedonia

The Associated Press

SKOPJE, Macedonia - Thousands of refugees were trapped in a no-man'sland at the border Tuesday while refugee officials struggled to handle the unpredictable flow of ethnic Albanians Reeing Kosovo.

Thousands flooded toward Macedonia, but many were stranded just outside the border by an overwhelmed Macedonian government. In Albania, borders were open, but only a few refugees crossed to safety, apparently blocked hy Serbian forces or hy fighting.

Compounding the problem was the uneven flux of people: Refugees are permitted by the Serbs to cross one day. only to be nirned back the next. Yugoslavia has made no statement on

Refugee agencies believe tens of thousands are on the move within Kosovo, forced out hy Serhian purges of ethnic Albanian communities.

In Macedonia, the UN High Com-missioner for Refugees declared its camps full beyond capacity Tuesday. This left 2,000 to 3,000 new arrivals in the no-man's-land without permission to cross the border. Despite the strict limits set by Macedonia, 2,000 to 3,000 Kosovo Albanians entered the country oy making

their way over the mountains.

The Macedonian government also blocked the UN refugee agency from taking food, water or hlankets to the stranded refugees, who spent a rainy, cold night on the ground at the Lojane crossing, an agency spokesman. Ron Redmond, said.

"We're scramhling now to take these people — we dearly do want to get them across," Mr. Redmond said.

Already concerned about the virtual halt to refugee crossings into Albania, aid workers also worried about the fate of a reported 15-mile-long convoy of refugees seen coming south from the Kosovo capital of Pristina on Saturday.

When the flow of refugees out of

Kosvo dried up over the weekend, the convoy, estimated to hold 9,000 to 16,000 people, disappeared, according to other refugees accounts to active refugees accounts to account to the refugees accounts to account to the refugees account to account to the refugees account to the refugees to the refugees to the refugees account to the refugees to the Fewer than 150 made it across to Albania on Monday, and international monitors said only 14 more entered at the main Morini border crossing by

midday Tuesday. Of the thousands who made it through to Macedonia overnight, the government was willing to admit only 400 about as many as the UN agency believed it could squeeze in at one of the crowded camps, Mr. Redmond said.

The border town of Blace was the site

of a deadly bottleneck ut the start of Macedonia's refugee crisis, which began when the North Atlantic Treaty Organization began bombing Yugoslavia on March 24. Refugees say bombing dozens died at the Blace crossing when Macedonia refused the refugees admission earlier this month. As a stopgap, the UN refugee agency

plans to expand airlifts in Europe, Mr. Redmond said. Germany, which took the most refugees, has filled its quota; the refugee agency is talking to Spain and Britain about joining the countries offering the refugees temporary haven.

Refugee agencies estimated Tuesday that only 500,000 to 800,000 people are left in Kosovo, of a prewar population of about 2 million, most of them ethnic

Three Aid Workers Killed in Car Crash

While in Albania New York Times Service NEW YORK — Yvette Pietpaoli, 60, a dynamic French woman who traveled the world seeking to help war widows, displaced persons, land-mine victims, homeless families, street children and other refugees, was killed with two prominent

The other victims were David Mc-Call, 71, and Joan McCall, 57. As a European representative of Refugees Intercational, an aid organization, Ms. Pierpaoli had been making trips to the Balkans since last June, when she saw some of the first refugees fleeing

Kosovo. "She was a legend in the international refugee community," said Richard Hol-hrooke, chairman of Refugees Interna-tional and President Bill Clinton's nominee for chief U.S. delegate to the United

Ms. Pierpaoli's efforts to help people began when she was 19 and left France for Cambodia. She undertook aid mis-

sions to many countries in Asia, Aurica and Latin America, including Thailand, Cambodia, Mali and Niger.

The McCalls had participated in numerous missions to Thailand, Cambodia, Somalia and Eritrea, among other cluding 228 in the crash of a Boeing 747 on a hill in Guam in August 1997 and 269 aboard a 747 shot down by a Soviet places, during their eight years of in-volvement with Refugees International. The couple had traveled to Albania to

refugee families separated by the chaos in Kosovo. At the time of his death, Mr. McCall was chairman of Shepardson Stern & Kaminsky, a communications, consulting and advertising firm in New York. Besides her refugee work, Mrs. Mc-Call devoted much of her life to colCLINTON: In Kosovo Challenge, President Hears History's Call Continued from Page 1

to push his plans for revamping Social Security, which provides retirement benefits and disability payments, and Medicare, which provides health insur-

ance for the elderly and disabled. Administration officials and Clinton loyalists in Congress said these amhitions now look increasingly remote, in part because of the dynamics between the White House and the Republican majority in Congress, in part because of the sheer demands of the Kosovo

Though the hours Mr. Clinton spends on Kosovo have varied over the course of the air campaign, on several days the crisis has overtaken all other plans, according to White House officials. Kosovo is mentiooed in every speech he gives and has been the dominant

subject in most of his public appearances since the bombing campaign began Mr. Clinton has displayed vividly in recent speeches the heightened signif-

At a lecture last week with the Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, the president described the conflict in near-Churchilnations "remain awake to the warning signs of evil" in time to act before it is

He told the American Society of Newspaper Editors on Thursday that NATO was engaged in "a great battle between the forces of integration and the forces of disintegration, the forces of globalism versus tribalism, of oppression against empowerment." And he warned that the conflict may grind on indefinitely: "Our timetable will be achieved by our goals,

not the other way around." 'His statements both publicly and privately say to me that he understands this is a definitional moment in his presidential story," said Senator Joseph Lieberman, Democrat of Connecticut. That the Kosovo challenge was thrust upon Mr. Clinton, rather than being the issue he would have chosen to dominate his home stretch in office, matters little.

KOREA: Family-Run Airline Under Fire

MiG fighter in Soviet airspace in September 1983.

Aware of rising criticism about a series of nonfatal mishaps over the past several years. Korean Air last year contracted with Delta Air Lines for a team of 10 Delta pilots to conduct a thorough safety study. Delta Air Lioes, reportedly Korean Air into an attack on the chaebol to general, "The authoritarian manage-Foundation to support contemporary ment style will discourage employees,

He called on "professional or expert managers" to bring about a style "to which they value people and lives."

The Cho family acquired Korean Air from the government in 1969 at the behest of Park Chung Hee, the president who encouraged the rise of the chaebol system. At the time, the airline was suffering heavy losses but eventually became profitable while expanding ioto

one of the world's major carriers. Korean Air, like other large South Korean companies, has been battling to upset hy what its pilots found and also by overcome severe losses accumulated the crash in Shanghai, canceled its flight during the worst of the nation's ecoannounced a net profit of \$246 million in 1998 that it said was "a turnaround after two years of losses." The airline suffered n loss of \$397.5 million in 1997.

icance he has invested in the Kosovo Mr. Lieberman said: "History and fate conflict." Aides said Mr. Clinton is far more poised, even optimistic, about the problem than much of the bad news coming lian terms, as a test of whether civilized out of Kosovo would suggest. Standing up to Mr. Milosevic's "organized ethnic hatred," as Mr. Clinton described it to newspaper editors, would make a historic statement that NATO has learned the lessons of a blood-stained century. Mr. Clinton asserted, and provide a potent example of the benign purposes for which American power can be applied in

> Charles Jones, a scholar on the presidency from the University of Wisconsin, said he heard in Mr. Clinton's remarks to the newspaper editors "an effort to make the cause as large as he can possibly make it" to "justify an engagement over which we don't have full cootrol, and about which the public has grave doubts." Time spent on Kosovo, as well as the

the post-Cold War world.

and congressional atteotion, has meant that Mr. Clinton has oot spent the spring shaping the public and legislative debate for overhauls of Social Security and Medicare and building public support for his education agenda White House officials said that Mr. Clinton has given up on none of these

way the war has dominated news media

goals and that there is still plenty of time on the calendar to enact major reforms. "When, when, when?" asked Martha Phillips of the Concord Coalition, a hipartisan fiscal watchdog group. She said the lack of sustained public attention this year by Mr. Clinton makes her doubt he is serious about wanting reform of en-

titlements as part of his legacy. "It's much too early for people to put aside their optimism," said Gene Sperling, the White House national economic adviser. He said Mr. Clinton would put forward his Medicare plan within sevpartnership with Korean Air last Friday. nomic crisis. Last month, the airline eral weeks. As the annual appropriations process moves forward, he said, the need



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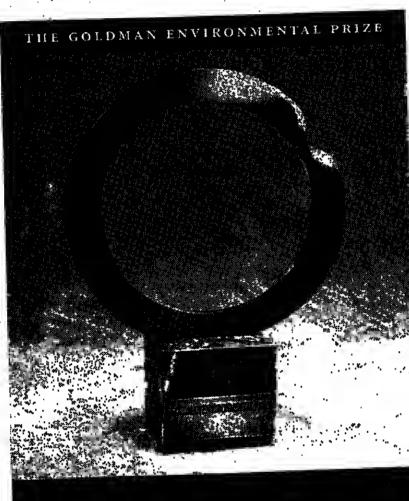
Samuel Nguiffo (Cameroon) has struggled tirelessly to stop the liquidation of the region's tropical rainforests for short-term profit. As a lawyer and founder of the Center for Environment and Development, Nguiffo has worked to inform forest-dwelling peoples, including pygmies, of their legal right to manage their traditional lands. He is also at the forefront of an international effort to ensure that the Chad/Cantercon oil pipeline project does not bring about large-scale forest destruc-



Ka Hsaw Wa (Burma), a member of the Karen ethnic minority; has been tortured and risked death in opposition to the environmental and human rights policies of a brutal military government. Fleeing Rangoon. he discovered extensive abuses taking place in the forests near the Thai border. He has documented thousands of cases of forced labor, execution, rape, and confiscation of property carried out by the military in support of the Yadana pipeline built by a consortium of petroleum companies including Unocal (U.S.) and Total (France).



Michal Kravčík (Slovakia) is a hydrologist who succeeded in galvanizing community participation to stop a proposed large dam. The environmentally destructive project was conceived during the Communist era of central planning. Using democratic principles, he presented effective alternatives, including the construction of small dams, decentralization of water management authority, and restoration of agricultural lands. Kravčík helped reinvigorate the local economy by introducing sustainable development projects and successfully increased voter participation in the country.



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ISLAND NATIONS

Jacqui Katona and Yvonne Margarula (Australia) are Aboriginal women who have been leading a massive national campaign to prevent mining of Jahiluka, one of the world's largest uranium deposits. Located on land that is traditionally owned by the Mirrar people, Jabiluka is surrounded by the country's largest national park, Kakadu, a World Heritage site known for its cultural significance and rich biodiversity. Their efforts have delayed mining operations that would release radioactive tailings into the park.



Bernard Martin (Canada) is a fourth generation fisher who ndvocated reduced fishing quotas after seeing firsthand that factory trawlers were decimating the once abundant Grand Banks cod fishery. The call was not heeded and in 1992 the fishery closed, alemptly throwing 30,000 Newfoundlanders, including Martin. out of work. Determined to prevent a repeat of this disaster, Martin is working to raise awareness throughout Canada and around the world of the need for marine protected areas.



SOUTH / CENTRAL AMERICA

Jorge Varela (Honduras) has promoted a model of shrimping that respects fragile resources in the Gulf of Fouseca, where commercial shrimp farms sfucked by North American demand) have proliferated in recent years. The shriup farms have led to the clearing of coastal mangrove forests, the poisoning of estuaries. and the loss of common fishing grounds. Varela is also the cofounder of CODEFFACOLF, an organization of gulf residents that has succeeded in securing two consecutive moratoriums on the expansion of shrimp farming, bringing 107,000 hectures of wetlands under protection, and susuaming telief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch's devastation.

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India's Challenge

India's divisive ethnic and regional politics have produced one political crisis after another in recent years. Now these tensions have caused the collapse of the Hindu nationalist government led by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which lost a vote of confidence by a single vote last Saturday. The beneficiary could be the troubled Congress (I) Party, which has governed India for most of the last 15 years and is now led by Sonia Gandhi, the Italianborn widow of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Even if Mrs. Gandhi manages to form a government, the chances of it lasting very long are considered slim.

India can rejoice, of course, in its record of accommodating the myriad caste, linguistic, religious and ethnic groupings that make up its democracy. But its newest crisis threatens to dis-rupt India's tentative efforts to defuse dangerous tensions with its neighbor Pakistan. Only last week both countries tested new missiles that can deliver nuclear weapons up to 1,600 kilometers from their borders, If Mr. Vajpayee had hoped that this latest show of bravado would shore up his shaky coalition government, he was proved wrong almost instantly.

Mr. Vajpavee spent 45 years in the opposition and barely 13 months in power, but he made a singular mark. He sent his country down a self-destructive path of testing nuclear weapons, More recently, however, he met with the Pakistani prime minister. Nawaz Sharif. There was reason to hope that, in spite of the missile tests. India and Pakistan could make more progress loward halling the development of missiles and weapons-grade nuclear material, Mrs. Gandhi and the Congress

Party have not been as supportive of these efforts as they should have been.

Mr. Vajpayee's government won the confidence of investors with its commitment to expanding free enterprise. But one of its notable achievements was shelving the virulent anti-Muslim parts of its platform. The prime minister deserves credit for pushing back the militants in his own coalition and denouneing the violent attacks on Christians carried out by Hindu fanaties in the last year. In the end, his government toppled not because of any large issue but because of demands by one of his coalition partners, the fiery former actress Jayalalitha Jayaram. She asked that the government drop a corruption inves-tigation against her in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, and is now talking about joining up with the Congress Party. Mrs. Gandhi would be ill advised to drop the inquiry as a price for Ms. Jayaram's joining a Congress-led coalition.

No single political organization has emerged in India to prevent the constant political jockeying of recent years. The once-great reach of the Congress Party fractured many years ago. That the party has turned to Mrs. Gandhi, who has no political credentials or record, is testimony to its weak leadership. Until this week she seemed to understand that the party needed time to rebuild its strength and credibility before seeking to form a new government or run in a national election. Now, thanks to Ms. Javarani, there may be no time for the party to get ready. India's challenge is to prevent the present political turbulence from undermining the drive to make peace with its neighbors and among the warring groups within its borders.

The Costs of War

The Clinton administration is asking Congress for \$6 billion to pay for the U.S. share of the military operation in Kosovo plus related humanitarian efforts having to do with refugees. Officials say the request should not be misconstrued as a decision about how long the operation may last, or whether it may be expanded to include, for example, the use of ground forces. This is a noncommittal, prudent request for enough to sustain an operation of about the present size through the end of the present fiscal year on Sept. 30, they say, and that is all.

The disposition in Congress appears to be to grant, on an emergency basis. not just what the president is asking but much more. Some Republicans, who have been looking for ways to increase the military budget, are talking about appropriating as much as \$15 billion. We have two thoughts about this.

(1) The amount required to carry out the operation ought not be understated. Nor should Congress be blithe about providing it. It is crucial that the public be kept abreast of the dollar cost of the operation, just as it must be kept abreast of its other costs in terms of lives, international political risk, etc. Nor are the costs any less real because a budget surplus exists from which to finance them. Money spent on the effort to force a Serbian pullback in Kosovo is money not available for other purposes. The Kosovo operation is the right policy — best of a set of bad

choices and in the national interest. But the effort can be sustained only if the public supports it; the support will not last if it is not informed.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

(2) At the same time, and for some of the same reasons, there should be no piggybacking on this operation - no larding of other defense costs onto the Kosovo bill as a temporary device for evading appropriations caps that need to be dealt with in a much more forthright way. The caps are artificially tight. To make room for defense and other spending increases, President Bill Clinton and Congress are going to have to raise them. The more they do so, the smaller will be the surplus from which the Republicans, and to some extent the president, hope to finance a tax cut.

Congress and Mr. Clinton need to be honest not just about the costs of the Kosovo operation but about defense costs generally. The U.S. defense budget will not support the mission of being able to fight Iwo good-sized wars at once that the two parties have set for the Pentagon.

Whatever may be the solution to that squeeze, it is not to give the Pentagon a one-year appropriations bye under false pretenses in order to remain free on paper to grant a tax cut that the govemment cannot afford. In the long run. the ploy would weaken the ability of the government to meet its obligations, including the obligation to provide adequalely for national defense.

Belarus Dictator

It is easy, too easy, to dismiss President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus as a tin-pot joke. He operates with the sophistication one would expect of a former Soviet collective-farm chairman. He offers military aid to his fellow dictator Slobodan Milosevic, although his own economy in Belarus is a shambles. After visiting Yugoslavia recently, he said that "fliousands" of NATO troops were slipping across the border into Romania and defecting.

But it would be a mistake to underestimate Mr. Lukashenko and the menace he represents. Belarus is a small and poor country, but its president has large ambitions. He would like Belirus to reunite with Russia --the only leader of a former Soviet republic with such ambitions - to give himself a larger stage. His instigation of a "Slavie Union" of Russia, Belarus and Yugoskivia is one more step on that path, of little practical significance but thetorically useful. Even if, us is most likely, these "unions" never come to pass. Mr. Lukashenko's teranny exerts a baleful influence on the young democracies such as Ukraine, Lithuania and Poland that surround his nation. Of course, those who suffer most

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from his policies live inside Belarus. Standards of living have steadily declined. Those who speak out against Mr. Lukashenko risk exile or prison; former Prime Minister Mikhail Chigir is in jail on trumped-up charges. Even those who remain free are under great pressure: tomier Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Sannikov was recently beaten by some of the Russian tascists who operate inside Belarus with relative impunity.

Just as such fascists and ultranationalists do not speak for most Russians, so Mr. Lukashenko can no longer claim to speak for his nation. He long ago abrogated his constitution and made a mockery of its democracy. The West may be distracted by its struggle in Yugoslavia, hut ii should take Scrbia as a lesson on how much damage even small-time dictators can cause. That means reaching out to the democrats of Belarus who continue to oppose the Miloscyje Lukashenko axis.

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Quiet Skies Require Trans-Atlantic Cooperation

craft noise. People on both sides of the Atlantic are increasingly concerned with noise around airports. In February, the European Union proposed a "hush kit" rule that would limit the acquisition and use of certain kinds of aircraft equipment. But the rule is flawed. In fact, it will not result in a single quieter jet plane in Europe.

Instead, this unilateral action threatens all progress on a new intemational standard for even quieter jets in the coming decade and beyond. It is a lose-lose proposal that ex-cludes quieter U.S.-manufactured aircraft while exempting for several years other noisier jets that do not meet the current standard. We propose a winwin solution to the problem.

Hush kits are high tech mufflers for airplane engines. They were developed as a way to make an airplane that meets the old international noise standard quiet enough to comply with the current standard.

The EU's proposed rule would restrict the acquisition and use of aircraft equipped with hush kits, no matter how quiet they are. Equally troubling, the rule would also restrict the acquisition

WASHINGTON — There is a lot of trans-Atlantic noise about air
By Rodney E. Slater, David L. Aaron and Stuart E. Eizenstat craft until 2000 in the United States and 2002 in the European Union. The first

equipped with certain kinds of new engines. Both the hush kits and the new engines comply fully with the latest standard developed through the Inter-national Civil Aviation Organization.

Why is the EU hush-kit rule counterproductive? First, it is harmful because it is a unilateral measure. For more than 50 years, the United States and Europe agreed to operate on international standards set through the aviation organization. Implementation of its standards has led to large reductions in noise levels around airports in the United States and elsewhere.

and aircraft manufacturers would have to meet different standards from country to country. Ultimately, the cost of meeting these varying standards would be passed on to airline passengers or could even stop aircraft from flying. By unilaterally sening its own re-

gional standard, the European Commission's proposal will undermine decades of cooperation in the International Civil Aviation Organization. That is why the organization's president, Assad Kotaite, has described the EU hush-kit rule as inconsistent with consensus. We endorse his call for

postponement of EU action to adopt or implement the regulation. Second, the proposed limitation on hush kits will not actually reduce noise

around European airports. Hush-kitted aircraft are well within the acceptable noise standards still in effect, and they are actually quieter than some planes that Europe would still allow under the hush-kit rule. The proposed regulation would significantly harm U.S. commercial interests, while conveniently permitting noisy European aircraft to continue flying.

Finally, the rule's formulation is Without the organization, airlines flawed. For example, it allows husbkitted aircraft to continue to fly in Europe as long as the airplanes do not change owners. This approach defies logic. If the true goal is to limit noise, why does it matter wbether such an airplane is owned by an American. European or African company?

Progress in formulating internation al restrictions on noise pollution sometimes is painstakingly slow. The current noise standards developed by the International Civil Aviation Organiza-tion were approved in 1977, but will and use of airplanes that have been the agency's framework adopted by not be mandatory for all subsonic air-

2002 in the European Union. The first steps in laying the groundwork for the next generation of noise rules have already been taken.

We believe that this process can and should be speeded up. But there is no point in negotiating multilateral standards if the EU can unilaterally adopt its own standards afterward. We have proposed to the European Commission that the United States and the Union sit down together to agree on tough new noise standards. Only through cooperation and coordination can we succeed on a multilateral basis.

It should not matter where a jet or bush kit comes from, so long as it meets the noise standard. That standard ought to be applied fairly and squarely, not exempting some and prohibiting others, based solely on origin. We are offering European capitals a partner-ship this week that really will reduce aircraft noise. We hope Europe will accept our offer and not go it alone.

Mr. Slater is U.S. secretary of transpertation, Mr. Aaron is U.S. midersecretary of commerce and Mr. Fizenstar is U.S. undersecretary of state.

They contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Kosovo Is a Political Problem, Not Just a Moral Crusade

BRUSSELS — The horror of the expulsion from their own country of hundreds of thousands of Kosovo brought every evening to our television screens, has rightly provoked great indignation that bolstered popular support for NATO's action. But it should not prevent us from putting things in

perspective, What has happened in Kosovo, though enormous, is not unique in kind. to where they belong but with no realbut what is perhaps unequaled is the media coverage it has received.

During the war in Bosnia, hundreds of thousands of Bosnian Muslims, Croats and Serbs were forcibly expelled from their homes and lands in successive waves. The Muslims' plight is the best of both operations was to expel people. known because they were the largest and not to kill them. weakest group, and many of them had to seek refuge far from former Yugoslavia.

But the biggest, quickest and most thoroughly organized episode of that period took place in August 1995, when the Croatian Army violently expelled from Krajina, a Croatian border region. 200,000 Serbs whose families had lived there for 300 years.

Media interest was modest then and

By Jose Cutileiro

Albanians by brutal Serbian authorities, of Knin, the stronghold of Croatia's Krajina Serbian separatists, by an elated President Franjo Tudiman than on the suffering of the expelled Serbian populace. In fact, Serbia hosts nearly half a million refugees from Krajina, other parts of Croatia, Bosnia tand Kosovol. almost all of them with a right to go back

> istic prospect of doing so. War crimes were committed in Krajina in 1995, and many more are being committed in Kosovo. The indictment of Serbian generals should follow. But the broad purpose and effect

From where we sit and watch, this distinction seems either unreal or indecent, but in Yugoslavia it is perceived differently. "You have to remember," the non-Serbian president of one of the former Yugoslav republics told me in 1992, "that ethnic cleansing is much better than geoocide.

We have to remember that and much more of the same ilk, now and when concentrated more on the repossession the time for regional reconstruction

moral outrage alone is an unreliable compass. To our humanitarian motives we must add a grasp of history, an informed assessment of the concerns of those directly involved, including the other countries in the region and, above all, a clear view of our interests and bow best to further them.

Appearances notwithstanding, we are not launching a crusade. We are trying to find a decent solution to an intractable political problem in a dangerous part of the world that has had precious little experience of decency in governance.

Once that solution is defined and agreed, its enforcement will comprise political, military, economic, social and bumanitarian elements that will require goodwill and coordination by nations and international organizations. Not a simple or quick job — and it is worth recalling that we are doing it not only to right a moral wrong in Kosovo, but also primarily to upbold international security. If we fail, the Kosovars' plight will drag on for years to come and European stability will take

a serious dent

comes, or else our victory will be a pean Union and NATO should work in Pyrrhic one. In international relations. ecutive umbrella of the United Nations and probably the Organization for Se-. curity and Cooperation in Europe.

Russia would have an important role to play, bringing in its political weight and its diplomatic resources as it has done in the Contact Group for Kosovo.

Before we can get there, however, the current phase of the crisis must come to an end on the basis of the terms stated by NATO, the EU and the UN secretary. general, Kofi Annan.

NATO may have misjudged Serbian. determination, but President Slobodan Milosevic misjudged NATO's resolve and compounded his error by intensifying brutal ethnic cleansing in Kosovo, He has to back down, and those who believe that an obliterated Serbia would seriously unsettle the region had better use their leverage on Belgrade to make him do so before it is too late.

The writer, secretary-general of the Western European Union, was coowlin-ator of the European Community Conference on Yugoslavia headed by Lord Carrington. He contributed this comment Leadership will be critical. The Euro- to the International Herald Tribune.

A Purposeful NATO Can Bring Stability to the Balkans

WASHINGTON — The NATO summit meeting

shadowed both past and promise. But the essence of leadership is to turn crisis to account. President Bill Clinton can do that at the summit meeting by gaining allied agreement to a Clinton Doctrine for Southeast Europe, including his proposal for Balkan reconstruction, a regional "Marshall Plan."

The summit meeting must first conduct a council of war a council of determination to ing this decade and its readiness gap between the United States

By Robert E. Hunter this week was designed to cel- confound Slobodan Milosevic's to help build a Europe "whole the allies" pledge to take more gional stability now demand

Now the Rosovo war bas over- of clear and direct war aims. reaffirm that NATO will persevere with its air campaign and agree to make all preparations for introducing ground troops, leaving until later the decision wbether a NATO force must fight its way into Kosovo or can wait until after fighting stops. But the summit meeting must

not neglect its original, central purpose: to ratify NATO's re-markable transformation dur-

bership remains credibly open, bolstering the alliance's flagship Partnership for Peace program with major resources, and reactirming NATO's intention to forge a long-term strategic partnership with Russia.

At the same time, NATO's sophisticated air campaign in Kosovo underscores the importance of Defense Secretary William Cohen's initiative to help close the military technology

Thus the Clinton administra-

tion's order this year that

archives be opened concerning

U.S. government knowledge

of human rights abuses in Gen-

eral Pinochet's Chile is likely

to find — as The New York

Times has put it - cooper-

ation from the Pentagon and

ebrate a half-century's success efforts to split apart the NATO. and free." This means ensuring military responsibility on the and set a course for the future. allies. They must endorse a set that the door to NATO meming as many Americans wonder why Europeans could not manage Kosovo on their own.

These steps are all critical to securing NATO's place for the 21st century. But they are "old business" in the alliance's progress. The summit talks must also embark on the new business of finally coming to terms with the key security and political challenge in Europe: bring-ing stability throughout southeastern Europe.

Bosnia should have been sufficient warning of the need to bend current action to larger purpose. Kosovo must surely be the final alarm, if NATO is not to risk forfeiting the first chance that Europe has ever had to build security for all its peoples.

Nor can the region's importance be judged solely in its own terms. It is the gateway to areas of intense Western concero the Arab-Israeli conflict, Iraq and Iran, Afghanistan, the Caspian Sea and Transcaucasia. Stability in southeastern Europe must be a precursor to protecting Western interests and reducing threats from farther east.

At the 1997 summit meeting in Madrid, NATO stopped sbort of according membership to any Balkan country; it fell short in providing added resources or commitment to the reform, integration and modernization of

and the European allies. And the provide sufficient focus and summil meeting's blessing of concentration that building le-

In response to such concerrs. Mr. Clinton must lead the NATO members to agree on b long-term, ambitious and conprehensive strategy for the ef tire region - a Clinton Dod trine for Southeast Europe.

This landmark initiative should recognize both the intrinsic importance of the region and the far-reaching nature of the commitment. The call for "exit strategies" must give way to pledges of enduring engagement — of both military. war-prevention forces and civilian nation-builder

Fostering political change in Serbia should cease being an afterthought and its people should be shown strkly the choice between long-lasting isolation and membership in an increasingly prosperous neigh-borhood. Substantial resources must be committed for rebuilding and reform throughout the Balkans, as Mr. Clinon has suggested. Sustained doloma-

cy must become the nom. Most important, the NATO allies must convey a sinse of purpose, for a task worthy in Secretary of State Mateleine Albright's words of the largest gathering of international leaders in the history of Washington, D.C.

The writer, a senior advice at the Rand Corp., was U.S. am-bassador to NATO from 193 to any regional country. Nor does 1998. He contributed this om-the Partnership for Peace ment to The Washington Per.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGD

PARIS — The Pittsburgh

"Times," regarding the rumor that China and Japan have formed a coalition to resist European aggression, says: "Japan is ancient, but has looked into modern ways. Japan is enough in touch with the world to see that twentieth century methods must prevail. If Japan and China could bring about a coalition in which China with her resources would follow the broader enlightenment of Japan, it would be better for the whole world."

1924: 'Women Only'

CHICAGO -- Women refuse to ride in cars for "women only." This is disclosed by the Chicago and Alton railroad that it will abandon the "women only" cars which it bas been operating between here and New York.

1899: Japan Coalition on these cars gave the same of son. "When travelling, we white to meet both men and women they told agents. "Woman hala monotonous enough life as it . Why should she shut herself with a lot of women, whose ta probably will bore her, who she goes on a trip. The tri

1949: German Glory

BERLIN - An American of ficial said that Germans still love military glory. Dr. Alonzo Grace, director of Military Goverament's education, warned that the Western powers must continue their "educational reconstruction" efforts. Dr. Grace warned: "With generations training and indoctrination in the nationalistic spirit that reached a climax in the nineteenth century one would be fairly naive to expect a people to change in the Women refusing to buy space space of three years.'

RICHARD WOOLDRIDGE. President and Class Operating Officer

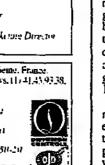
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By William Pfaff

Deferred Justice That Benefits Chile

SANTIAGO — The center-left government of Eduardo Frei finds the European legal aggravations of General Augusto Pinocher a complication that solves as new government. Now they are indignant. many problems as it causes possibly more. That is the im-

present members of the Chilean government. While he remained in Chile, as retired dictator and senatorfor-life. General Pinochet was a not entirely powerless mon-itor of those who have replaced him since his defeat in a 1988 plebiscite. The army, under his

constitutional authority over national security matters. His incautious journey to London, and what followed, has left the army disconcerred and angry. President Frei's government, however, has conducted itself in a manner that allows no military criticism. It has demanded that the general be sent home to

influence, continues to exercise

pression a visitor takes from

conversations with past and

trial in Chile, saying this is a matter of national honor. Foreign Minister José Miguel Insulza said in mid-March that "we absolutely do not defend Pinochet" or his regime. But he rejects any argument that justice could not be done in Chile. He notes that ted by enormous pressures the head of General Pinochet's political police is those days. Washington tremalready in prison, and that the general himself is the object of 19 judicial procedures.

He and many foreign commentators argue that the general's trial in Spain would interfere with the democratic

general's ideas and conting to terms with those of the Christian Democratic leaders of the

On the other hand, the Christian Democrats face criticism from within their ranks. from people who reproach the government by saving, "We fought Pinochet for years, and now you defend him!

What the government did was inevitable: a maner of national self-esteem as well as a political necessity. However. those Chileans who criticize Spain and Britain in public may rejoice in private. The general's trial inside Chile could be dangerous. The farther away it is, the safer. The longer it takes, the better. Sixty percent of Chile's present population was born

since the Pinochet dictator-

ship ended. The Frei government is important. The country was in disastrous economic condition when the coup d'état took place in 1973. The president General Pinochet overthrew. Salvador Allende, had worsened a difficult economic situation, but was also subvermounted from Washington. In bled before the threat that Fidel

er were supposed to pose to the Western Hemisphere. This is why the Pinochet trial threatens to involve the United States, which was unpolitical transition still under doubtedly implicated in some way in Chile. Business circles of the more sordid of the that backed the dictatorship Pinochet programs to "disapwere drifting away from the pour" the South American left.

Castro and Mr. Allende togeth-

the CIA "a question mark." This is one more case in which an evolving conception and practice of international jurisdiction in human rights cases threatens not only those directly accused and their foreign backers, but also their successors, responsible for stabilizing representative government and the rule of law in countries emerging from dictatorship.

There is no political crisis in Chile as a result of the Augusto Pinochei affair. There is a certain undesirable political and ideological repolarization. but on issues that now are largely of the past. Thanks to the Spanish demand for General Pinochet's extradition, and the British government and Brit-ish judges' willingness to see this take place, the Pinochet case has been exported to

scenes distant from Sanuago. Thanks to the decision Thursday by the British home secretary, Jack Straw, that the extradition demand can go forward, appeals will inevitably follow, and the time that will be consumed before a final judgment has been indefinitely extended.

The practical consequences and risks to Chilean democracy of this prosecution have usefully been displaced in rime and space. Justice deferred may still be justice. International Herald Tribune.

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OPINION/LETTERS

China's Senior Reformer leeds Some Global Help

By Thomas L. Friedman

ago I was interviewing a disint Indonesian news editor was telling me about how he plaged to get critical things I the corrupt Subarto family the heavily controlled In-nesian press. He said that when sident Suharto's son was being en government subsidies for a cky idea he had for building an donesian car industry, the local ess was reluciant to come out enly against this nepotism.

What the Indonesian press did is wait for the World Trade Oranization to bring a case against r. Sultarto's son for unfair trade ractices and then splash that on he tront pages. The message was: 'Gosh, we would never say anyhing bad about the president's non, but these folks at the WTO sure think le's up to no good." This Infonesian use of the

World Trate Organization is an example d a new political phenomenon you can see in many developing countries, which I call globaluton. Globalution trapens when reformers understand 'ut revolution from below may be ov explosive and revolution from above is sever going to happen, so they chose revolution from beyoud. Their strategy is to plug their country ato every possible global rules-based organization they can find in lope of importing rule-of-law systems from beyond.

This how one should look at whethe the United States should support China's entry into the World Irade Organization, President fill Clinton withheld support wen China's prime minister. Zhu Ringji, visited Washington the week before last, but Mr. Clinton is econsidering and renego-

natingwith the Chinese. Chia's joining the trade or-ganization — on U.S. terms — is manifoldy in America's economic inteest. America's markets are Jargel open. China's entry will of hee much impact on Chinese export to the United States. But it will live a huge impact on American occess to China's markets, forcing China to open up to foreignes on a defined schedule under fi rules overseen by a multinaфnal organization — replaemethe arbitrary, closed system the hinese have now.

Jere is this notion out there thatletting China into the World

NEW YORK — A few years - Trade Organization is somehow a giveaway. Well/ it is, sort of, It's a giveaway to the U.S. economy. But there is more going on here. Zhu Rongji is a closet globalutionary. He knows that a deal would help force more transparency, global standards and outside reviews on what is now a highly secretive system of trade laws in China, in which individual bureaucrats have huge discretion and this, fore huge opportunities to rip of coreigners and Chinese.

hina's entry would also help , the interior of the country to leign investors in the fields of Internet service, telecommunications and banking, which in turn would help to raise living sumdards and to develop parts of China that China itself cannot afford to develop. Currently, foreign companies cannot own telecommunications companies in China. It China enters the World Trade Organization, companies such as Sprint, America Online and AT&T will be able to buy into Chinese companies, and that can only contribute to China's being more wired into the world. Also, Chinese entrepreneurs, who now have to go through state trading companies, will be able to import and export directly, which can only help strengthen the private sector.

Mr. Zhu clearly sees the World Trade Organization as a way to force his own economic and political reforms on the bloated, men and corrupt Chinese system. But we should have no illusions. Domestic apponents at a deal on membership will fight an intense. rearguard action if China signs. Implementation will not be easy.

'My sense,' says Michael Oksenberg, a Stantord University China scholar, "is that the biggest opposition in China is coming from elements in China's national defense area who are saying to Zhu, 'You are putting us into a globalized world and we are going to lose control."

China is not going to be remade ovemight, by this or any other globalution deal. But China's entry into the World Trade Organization would be a huge step in the protracted process of opening up the Middle Kingdom and easing its wrenching transition from Communism. It would be a grievous error to miss this opportunity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NATO at War

The North Atlantiffreaty Organization is doing a leific job of showing that it is possile to wage war without risk to its vices. But is it effective? I though the objective was to protect te ethnic Albanians in Kosovo rom the genocidal tendencies of teir own gen emment, Having faid miserably to achieve that gouit seems that NATO has decided a punish Slobodan Milosevic for (warting its efforts by destroying te entire

ingoslav economy. I suggest a return to Ph A, but this time seriously -for example, the alliance mighstart by allowing its pilots to ly low enough so that they coul see the targets they are bombing

BILL FLTON.

It has been said thathe war against Serbia's terror, rissucres and barbarous persecutin could cast a pall on the celebrion next weekend of NATO's 0th anniversary. To the conary, the Western alliance has tood up against the massive cruelly forced deportation of cilians to Knsovo an thnically place for a sunch of "clean" thugs. NATO can be piud in its 50th year, It deserves aplause.

EDDY VAN DE VEEN. Puynicare France.

Greek Interests

Robert D. Kaplan's cataclysmic Balkan and European scenario ("A NATO Victory Can Bridge Europe's Growing Divide. Opinion, April 8) seems to be based in part on a misunderstanding of Greek interests and preferences, with respect to two points in particular.

While Greece did not experience Soviet occupation, it certainly was exposed to Communism during the bloody civil war that followed World War II. The romantic attachment to Russia" of which Mr. Kaplan writes is, as far as I know, an affection felt primarily by Greece's unreconstructed Communist Party, which has never commanded more than 15 percent of the vote here.

Secondly, it is not reasonable to translate Greece's difficult geographical position and its Christian Orthodoxy into doubts about its basic Western orientation. One need only recall that it was the leftist government of Andreas Papandreou that led Greece back into NATO's integrated military command in 1981, and that it is Greece's current leftist government that, with broad political support, is leading the country into the European Union's Economic and Monetary Union.

ALAN BERLIND. Thessaloniki, Greece.

A Binational State

Regarding "Palestinians" Right to Statehood Deserves U.S. ipport" (Opinion, April 14): Henry Siegman is concerned

that, in the absence of a viable Palestinian state. Israel would be undone by demography, which would transform it from a Jewish state into a secular, binational state in which Jews and Palestinians enjoy equal rights and equal citizenship. Decades ago. the idea of a binational state was boldly proposed by Martin Buber, Judah Magnes and Hannah Arendt, and the idea was recently

endorsed by Edward Said. The idea is worthy of serious consideration but is more easily understood by secular Jews and Arabs than those fundamentalists who cite exclusive, divine right to the land. These people need to be reminded that the biblical Abrabarn was father to the Arabs through his firstborn, Isbmael, as well as to the Jews, through Isaac.

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Spirits Have Been Raised, As Well as Steel and Stone

By Anthony Lewis

BILBAO, Spain—"Optimism Liberty. the separatist group known as ETA.

Nerea Abasolo said. In a climate In 1991 the Basque regional without hope - which is where we were in the Basque country -even people with money won't invest. But when you see things are happening around you, you want to join in."

Ms. Abasolo is communications director of the spectacular Guggenheim Museum in Böbao. and she was talking about the ef-

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fect of the museum on this city and region. It is a transforming effect: economic, psychological. perhaps even political.

What makes it worth the world's attention is that the engine for change, the spark for optimism, is a work of art: Frank Gehry's museum building. Everyone has seen the pictures of the exterior — the curved and angular titanium-clad shapes flowing into each other. changing color from silver to gold with the light. But nothing prepares you for the thing itself.

The interior is as extraordinary as the much-photographed exterfor. At its heart is an atrium half again as high as Frank Lloyd Wright's snail-shaped Guggen-heim Museum in New York. Glass and steel and limestone sour in lines and curves to unexpected intersections.

There are galleries of traditional shape for more traditional works, like a current exhibit of drawings, and of unpredictable shapes for uppredictable modernity. It is the great building of the 20th century, I think. And it is attracting visitors and supporters in amazing numbers.

Before the museum opened in October 1997, experts predicted that 450,000 people would visit it in the first year. The actual number was three times that, 1.36 million. They added \$160 million to the Basque country's economy. But the intangibles are more important. That is what Nerea Abasolo meant when she spoke of optimism.

The Basque area of northern Spain used to be a center of heavy industry, notably steel and shipbuilding. As those industries de-clined in the 1980s, it became a depressed region, further troubled by the decades-long terrorist cam-paign of Basque Homeland and

administration decided that the way out of its slough of despond was culture. It agreed with the Guggenheim Foundation to build a museum, at a cost of \$100 million, to be managed by Guggen-heim — and to pay the running expenses thereafter.

Within a year an architectural ompetition had been held and Mr. Gehry, a Catifornian, selected. The site was a rust-belt classic: a former factory and parking lot on the Nervion River. A green metal highway bridge bisected it. Mr. Gehry incorporated it in his design, with one huge wing stretching under the bridge and

a tower rising behind it.

Almost all the construction work was done by Basque companies and individuals, and the success of its advanced technology is a tribute to Basque skill. For example, the building has 300,000 steel beams in 250,000 different sizes. A three-dimensional computer program was used for the design and then for the fabrication of the steel and other materials.

Basques are understandably proud of the inuseum, And Bilbao has undertaken other major projects with such international architects as Sir Norman Foster and Cesar Pelli, Last year the ETA announced a unilateral cease-fire. which continues to hold. It can only be speculation, but the optimism to which the museum has contributed may play a part in the turn away from violence.

In the developed world today. people want at the same time to be part of the global society and to be attached to local roots. The museum is a symbol of both; an institution of international standing with a strong local attachment.

From ancient Athens to Angkor Wat and the great cathedrals of Europe, architecture has expressed the highest aspirations of the human spirit, Here in Bilbao is a glimpse of what it could be for us today,

Inescapably, too, architecture speaks of the extremes of human behavior. In another comer of Europe, people are dying because of one man's lust for power. Here they live more fully because of an architect's genius for beauty.

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viewed by Jehiko Kakutani

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ALMAN RUSHDIE'S his magician's ability to fuse loose, baggy monster of a the mythic and the mandane. new novel is a retelling of the the surreal and the authentic. His earlier movels tended to

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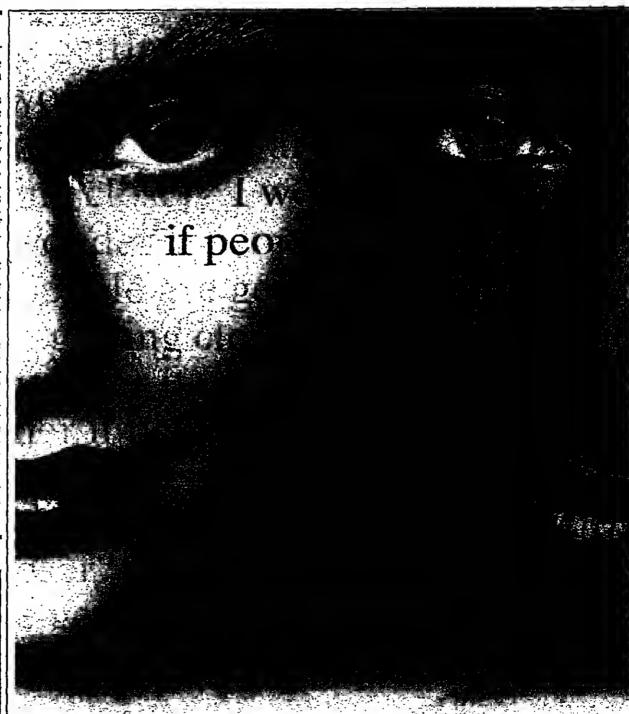
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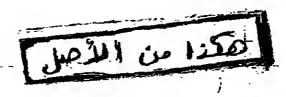
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Finding Truth In Honest Folk

By Mike Zwerin buernanonal Herold Terbune

There is an obligation to treasture and help to preserve it. It is that she didn't approve, she also called "ethnic" music - something by and for hicks it, but it was only for special in the sticks and/or of his- occasions. Otherwise, she torical interest to specialists preferred the fox-trot. and conservatives holding on to the past. By and large, the silent majority believes it belongs in a museum.

It can be a living thing awaiting a reawakening. Bob Dylan electrified that old feeling. Charles has old feeling. Charles lves and less provincial, less consonant symphonic and chamber contexts. John Coltrane and dance steps. streamlined the traditional song 'Greensleeves,' Bela Bartok gave Hungarian folk music one of the most ambitious, dramatic and longlasting boosts of all.

The Bartok Album" (Hannibal), the new effort by the folk group Muzsikas, feaures the voice of Marta Sebestiven and illustrates how Hungarian folk music affected and was affected by Bartok.

Bartok and his friend Album illustrates how, Zoltan Kodaly, the teacher years of the century, listening, went on field trips with him.

only natural. But she calls it 50 students and intellectuals. imiraculous,

to this music before I was about folk music. Why me?"

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sikas, discovered to her surprise that her grandmother was not particularly keen to ARIS - Honest, un- hold on to the past, Her grandspoiled folk music not mother wanted to be like city made for money is an people, and she wondered certainly wasn't ashamed of

The Industrial Revolution arrived relatively late in Hungary. Just the right people to preserve the old culture. Bariok and Kodaly came along at just the right time, before terminal decline. There were no tape recorders, they listened Aaron Copland translated carefully. They spoke to American tolk elements into country musicians about the origins of the songs and of their instruments, costumes Their archive of many

thousands of songs encouraged other people to do similar things elsewhere: Alan Lomax recording the old bluesmen in the Mississippi Delta, for example, Preserving folk music can involve a parallel denial of the present, but Bartok incorporated his investigations into his own influential 20th-century language, "The Bartok

Muzsikas was formed in and composer, went from vil- 1973 by students who wanted luge to village in the early to play folk music for fun. Not music students, they included collecting and transcribing the a mathematician, a teacher old songs. Sebestryen's moth-er, an ethno-musicologist, and bassist Daniel Hamar was a student of Kodaly's and trained as a geophysicist, went on field trips with him. They played for parties. So the young Sebestryen's dances, weddings. Popular at interest in folk music was first within a circle of maybe niraculous. they were surprised when My mother was listening this music before I was Interest had expanded with

born," she says. "I was quite passing generations even literally born into it. It is in the though Bartok had predicted in family. But at the same time I the 1920s that the tradition have a brother and a sister and would survive no more than a they have absolutely no in- decade. After World War II. terest in it. I was always mad. Sebestryen's mother and her peers went back to the villages. with tape machines. In the lage near the Austrian border. 1970s there was a folk revival



Marto Sebestryen "was always mad about folk music."

'90s requires passports now. The remaining unspoiled music is to be found mostly across borders, where Hungarians are a minority and for whom holding on to tradition has become petition in high school. a form of political resistance. Muzsikas members all come from village ancestry, and spend as much time as possible in the villages.

An 'old village fiddler'

iold Sebestryen that his people have a saying: There are only two kinds of music. good and bad, "Good music tells the truth and bad music lies," he said. Many American musicians attribute the same line to Duke Ellington. It has been quoted often, Either way, it's true enough.
"Truth" is a sometime

thing, open to interpretation: like "good" and "bad." One generalization that is always true, however, is that traditional folk music in its pure form is always truthful, the cannot be said that it is never boring, but never mind.)

Sebesiryen was 12 years old when she fell in love with folk music. She was fascinated by

themselves. The search in the Transvlvania. There were many types of voices, many singing techniques, different dialects and dance steps, and she wanted to learn them all. She won a folk singing com-

Her voice is unique and she has astonishing control over it. Soon after joining Muzsikas, she began to be noticed. There were contacts with the worlds of rock and jazz; she recorded a rock opera in the 1980s. More recently, she attracted attention on the sound track to the film "The Englisb Patient.

"People sometimes like to use my voice in pop music, Sebestryen said, with a resigned shrug. It is never my idea, It can be useful for other people, and for me as well. But when I am able to do what I want to do, to say what I want to say, it is always through folk music.

"Ordinary people who listen to music on the radio all day long do not know that it is all a lie, it is all noise, the noise of money, I pity people who have grown up nevet having heard honest music.

'Civil War': The Musical

Making Songs for the 1990s From Battles of the 1860s

By Roxane Orgill

NEW YORK — A wall of cannons atop a grassy, open slope. Forty thousand men killed or wounded in three days near Gettyshurg, Pennsylvania. It was the numbers that got to Frank Wildhom, the composer of "The Civil War." the new Broadway musical that opens Thursday at the St. James Theater.

'Six hundred and twentythousand people died, almost as many as died in all American wars combined, including World War II. combined. Wildhom said in a voice still incredulous after four years of immersion in the subject of the War Between the States. "When you hear about those things and you are a composer," he said, "they in-spire melody." If you are Frank Wildhom, the melody is "accessible" and the work is "comfortable on the ear" (his words).
At a time when Broadway is devoted to revivals of American

classics — both straight plays and musicals — and imports from London, Wildhorn is one of the few composers creating musicals that are new, American and popular with audiences. His work has not, bowever, been a success with critics, and

what has set Wildhorn noticeably apart on Broadway from composers like Jonathan Larson ("Rent"). Stephen Flaherty ("Ragiime") and Alan Menken ("Beauty and the Beast") are his reviews. "Leaden, solemnly campy," was how Ben Brantley, writing in The New York Times, described "Jekyll and Hyde" when it opened in 1997. The pop-opera score, Brantley said, "makes 'Sunset Boulevard' sound like 'Parsi-fal.'" But the reviews had little effect on the box office.

Jekyll and Hyde has sold consistently well, helped by fanatical fans known as Jekkies, as well as hy Wildborn's practice of releasing CDs of his former slave and about the conteders of the conteders and various civilians action on both sides.

The only historical former slave and about the conteders and various civilians action on both sides. scores long before opening night on

Broadway.
"The Scarlet Pimpernel" was not the hit that "Jekyll and Hyde" has been. It opened to lackluster reviews in late 1997 and eventually dwindling ticket sales. A year later, the show was recast and te-vamped. In a favorable review of the revised version, Brantley said that even Wildhorn's "syrupy" pop ballads "have acquired a new ease." ("Pimpernel" closes at the end of May, to be reworked for a smaller touring version scheduled to reopen on Broadway in the fall.)

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Easy times seem to come naturally to Wildhom; he is a pop-song writer by training. They are, however, all "The Civil War" has in common with "Jekyll and Hyde" or "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

The musical represents a major step in a new direction for the 40-year-old composer. The show has no plot beyond,

Wildhorn embraces "vocabularies" of the day.

loosely speaking, the war's progress day. Today, the vocabulary is black mafrom the surrender of Fort Sumter in sic, Latin and world music. Theser 1861 to the eve of the battle of Gettys-

hurg in 1863.

There are no heroes or villains, no crusading Dr. Jekyli, no heinous Mr. Hyde and certainly no swashhuckling Scarlet Pinpemel, Instead, the composer and his co-authors, Gregory Boyd and Jack Murphy, have dispensed with a traditional book, choosing to divide the cast into four groups of seven: the Union Army, the Confederate Army, slaves, and various civilians involved in the

The only historical character is the former slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass, portrayed by Keith Byron Kirk, The cast also includes Michel Bell. Cheryl Freeman and Irene Molloy under the direction of Jerry Zaks.

What "The Civil War" has is songs: They are plot, character and emotion rolled into one. In "Northbound Train," a Yankee captain (Micbael Lanning) tells of his plans to fight one more battle and then go home. "Sarah" is a musical love letter by a Union corporal (Gilles Chiasson) knowing he will die in battle. "Last Waltz for Dixie," led by the Confederate captain (Gene Miller), is an anothern to rev up the troops for the battle at

"Shenandoah." Making the most of the recent explosion in Civil War-related publishing. they devoured histories, diaries. leuers, speeches and historical novels, and found their vehicle: songs. The lytics would be drawn from real sources, like letters and diaries, and the music would come from a variety of cultures and styles.
At first, Wildhorn envisioned

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an oratorio, a musical composition with a contemplative libretto, performed in a concert hall. But by the time The Civil War had its first production—last September at the Alley Theater in Houston, where Boyd is the artistic director and where the show was developed — it was hilled as "an epic musical event." Today Wildhorn cails it a "musical tapestry. Fancy words aside, his inten-

nons remain the same as ever. Wildhorn wants to please audiences. To do that, he said, one ences. To do that, he said, one has to write in the "musical vocabulary" of today. In that respect, he believes, he is no different from his predecessors in musical theater's heyday.

"Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and the Combusing warm working."

and the Gershwins were writing in the musical vocabulary of their day," he said. They were

needs to embrace all the musical vocabularies of the present day, especially if it wants to attract new audiences, and

younger audiences.

The music of "The Civil War" is both contemporary and historical. Its "vocabularies" are a diverse mix of military marches, rhythm and blues, country, Irish and English folk sang-gospel and, of course, Top 40 pop.

THE SONGS for "The Civil War began to flow after a weeklong tout of banlefields, which Wildhorn took with Murphy and Boyd, "Have you been to Gettysburg?" Wildhorn asked, sitting in his spacious office at Atlantic Recerds. where he is the creative director of the Atlantic Theater imprint. "The focus of the hartle is a hill and there's nothing on it, just grass, with cannons at the top. When the general said, Take that hill, the soldiers said. For your honor, for the bonor of Virginia, for God and country. and then they went and got slaughtered. When you walk up that hill you ask. How could they have done this? Then you ask:
'My God, how did we do that to each
other? How did these brothers and states
and fathers and mothers deal with it?'

From that walk came most of the
music for the show.

Roxane Orgill, who writes about mu-sic for The Wall Street Journal, wrote this for The New York Tunes.

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Traveling Along With 'Candide'

ONDON - The National Theatre's triumphant new ensemble has moved rapidly from "Troilus and Cressida" to "Candide" on the Olivier stage and,

if anything, with still greater success. For more than 40 years, this has been a work in progress. Leonard Bernstein's score opens with what is unquestionably the greatest overture in the whole history of the American musical, but the show's problems have

always started from there. The original idea may have seemed simple enough: a sing-along version of the Voltaire peripatetic classic starring its title character and, as narrator, its maddeningly optimistic philosopher. Dr. Pangloss. Yet. going right back to 1956 (the musical's hirth coincides with that of Bernstein's "West Side Story," and at least one song destined for the former ended up in the latter). half a dozen of America's greatest writers bave been defeated by it.

as Lillian Hellman, Dorothy Parker, the U.S. poet laureate Richard Wilhur, Stephen Sondheim, the playwright Hugh Wheeler and the lyricist John la Touche. Such innovative directors as Tyrone Guthrie and Hal Prince have tried to make sense of it, as did John Mauceri and John Wells for the Scot-

tish Opera. But now, at long last, we have it as right as we are ever likely to get it. Sure it's still overlong, rambling, circuitous and ultimately kind of a shambles, but the genius of this staging takes our minds off that unhappy truth with a series of dazzling moments - none of which depend on technical wizardry or

expensive props and costumes. We open on a bare stage with Simon Russell Beale, in a great musical debut as Pangloss, seated astride an actors' trunk listening (in the only big mistake of the evening) to that overture, one that we need to be able to hear without the distraction of someone trying to respond to its many moods with a series of facial grimaces.

Beale is soon joined by a Commedia dell'Arte troupe that proceeds to play all the characters of the evening, while he doubles Voltaire and Pangloss as our guide through Voltaire's labyrinthine travelogue of the mind.

As a team of directors, John Caird and Trevor Nunn bave always been at



Credits feature such diverse talents Simon Russell Beale, left, and Doniel Evans in "Candide.

and in full cry. That is precisely what we have bere.

Like the often underrated "Man of that the journey, rather than the arrival, Mathias staging there is no contest, just is its reason for existence that

Sheila Gish, one of our finest

we can appreciate its genius. The success here has a lot to do with the confidence of a National company. "Candide" may be Voltaire rather than Shakespeare, but it is no less of a challenge than

"Troilus" in its sprawling, cynical, circus-like style. Of the first disastrous production in 1956, a 25-year-old Sondheim noted, "Hellman wrote a virtues of underplaying. hlack comedy. Lennie wrote a pastiche contradictions, and then find a style of its own that would solve nearly all the into the subtext. problems of an imperfect musical about an imperfect world.

novel, be it "Nicholas Nickleby" or is just another everyday story of "Les Miserables," with a permanent homely Williams tolk, in which a and classical company at full stretch wealthy gay man gets eaten alive while cruising a beach, only to have his mother try to lobotomize his girlfriend lest she tell the awful truth. What made the La Mancha." "Candide" is a movie so memorable was the power quest, and it is only when we realize struggle of the two women, but in the

actresses. unfathomabiy dressed and directed to look like Dome Edna Everage play-ing Cruella deVille in a bad

Disney cartoon. An undercast Rache! Weisz. as the girl, notes that this is

virtues of underplaying.

Tim Hatley's set looks tike somescore and then Guthrie directed it like a wedding cake." The genius of this revival is to embrace all those apparent where he has had the choice Mathias has simply gone over the top instead of

Mathias is now fatally determined to become a star director by stamping his operatic, hothouse nature all over any text he touches, and the result is a I wish I could share the enthusiasm misconceived mishmash in which of many of my colleagues for the new what should be cool comes over as Sean Mathias staging of Tennessee cloying, what should be distanced is their best translating to the footlights an apparently unwieldy and unstagable Williams's rarely seen "Suddenly Last Summer," at the Comedy. This

Telecom Italia Moves on Merger

But Board Continues Talks Over Possible Deutsche Telekom Offer

By John Schmid and Daniel Liefgreen International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - The board of Telecom Italia SpA gave its conditional approval Tuesday for a linkup with Deutsche Telekom AG but insisted that the deal be structured as a "merger of

Telecom Italia wants assurances that the German government would limit its voting rights in a merged company, the Italian company said in a statement. Bonn holds a controlling 74 percent stake in Deutsche Telekom and would be the largest shareholder in the combined

company. Under the plan being discussed by the two companies, a new holding company would be created by the partners.

If Bonn agrees to restructure its voting rights, Telecom Italia's board will meet again to consider calling a special share-

By Mark Leibovich

an accountant for Network Solutions Inc.

her mind occasionally veers from her daily chores as it will be back."

Telecom Italia said

Talks to merge the flagship German and Italian phone companies have dragged on unexpectedly as the negotiations stalled over issues of shareholder control. Several Telecom Italia board members reportedly had voiced reservations about the German company holding a stake of 56 percent to 60

At Deutsche Telekom headquarters in Bonn, the supervisory board of Germany's main national operator stands ready to support a merger, a Telekom spokesman, Uhich Lissek, said.

The supervisory board gave the management board a mandate for further talks," Mr. Lissek said. "That is a clearly positive signal."

If the deal goes ahead, the merged German-Italian company would be the biggest in the world in terms of market capitalization.

For Telecom Italia, a merger would holders' meeting to review the plan, allow its chief executive. Franco Bern-

Staying Astride a Galloping Stock

Young Workers at a Hot Firm Find It Is Easy to Get Thrown

Washington Post Service from the company's share price. 'Everybody was f

Ms. Fermin checks NSOL, the company's ticker jobs, not their portfolios. "You can't build the boat

abe, to thwart a hostile takeover bid by Olivetti SpA while forging a pan-Enropean giant that could stand up to big American rivals such as AT&T Corp.

The prospective merged telecommu-nications company, dubbed Tele Transalpina" by the German press, would also command the financial firepower to make acquisitions in the United tates or Britain.

Even if the final burdles are cleared in Italy, the ambitious deal could encounter problems with European regulators in

The European competition commissioner, Karel van Miert, said the two phone companies would face a lengthy regulatory inquiry if they merged. The EU competition official said he was concerned about the effect such a behamoth would have on competition.

But the potential merger has begun to hape up as a test of whether the two by shareholder value or by European pol-minister. Massimo D'Alema, said.



Franco Bernabe, chief executive of Telecom Italia, wants a merger that \$16.8 billion in January.

Would allow him to thwart a hostile U.S. exports edged down 0.6 percent takeover bid hy Olivetti SpA.

ities, analysts said. Hitting a raw nerve of national sensitivities, Italy's government has refused to see its former state-run high-tech jewel become a junior partner in the alliance. "Any accord would have former state monopolies are driven more to be among equals," the Italian prime

U.S. Trade Deficit Soars 15.6% as Imports Boom Global Slump Keeps Export Sector Subdued

WASHINGTON — The trade deficit slightly in February, to \$4.6 billion. But the deficit with Japan shot up 13.1 soared to a record \$19.4 billion in Febnuary, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday, as the global financial crisis depressed exports for a fourth straight month and booming consumer demand pushed imports to an all-time high. The deficit in February was 15.6 per-

cent higher than the previous record of

to \$76.6 billion in the month, led by a decline of \$927 million in sales of commercial aircraft. Imports jumped 2.3 percent to a record \$96 billion as demand for foreign cars, clothing, toys, televisions and stereos soared.

With back-to-back records, the trade deficit so far this year is running at an annual rate of \$215 billion, far surpassing the record last year of \$169 billion.

Economists say that as long as the U.S. economy remains strong and many of America's major export markets remain in recessions caused by the plunge in many of the world's financial markets that began in Asia in July 1997, the U.S. trade deficit will continue to rise.

A widening trade gap is the one cloud on an otherwise bright economic horizon for the United States, which has managed to remain what the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, has called an "oasis of prosperity" in a sea of economic trouble around the world.

Mr. Greenspan expressed concern last week, bowever, about a growing movement toward protectionism in the United States, a development that has the White House worried as well.

President Bill Clinton's administration is concerned that erecting trade barriers will trigger retaliation, and many in the financial markets fear that political pressures will make nations turn inward during the worst global economic crisis in 50 years.

Mr. Clinton, worried about a growing protectionist mood in Congress, balked this month at reaching a sweeping trade agreement with China. He has since reversed tack, and China and the United States are headed back to the negotiating table to try to secure China's entry into the World Trade Organization. Talks are to resume Thursday in Beijing after the arrival of U.S. negotiators, officials The U.S. deficit with China narrowed

percent, to \$5.3 billion. The administration is pursing several trade nego-tiations with Japan in hopes of showing progress in opening that market to U.S. companies by the time of Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi's U.S. visit next month.

In one bright spot, America's surplus in services, which includes such things as tourism and consulting fees, rose 4 percent to a monthly record of \$6.7 billion.

The surplus in services, however, did little to dent a record \$26.2 billion deficit in the goods area.

The February drop in exports included a \$130 million decline in farm sales, to \$3.6 billion, with the drop led by falling shipments of soybeans and wheat. American farmers, who grow one-third of their crops for export, are soffering their worst times in a decade

■ Steel Imports Continue to Fall

Steel imports to the United States fell for the fourth consecutive month in February as Washington stepped up efforts to limit foreign supplies, Bloomberg News reported.

Imports dropped to 2,033,000 metric tons in February from January, an 18.2 percent decline from January, with the sharpest drops from China and Japan, data indicated. Imports also were 8.1 percent lower in February than in February 1998, the first such year-on-year decline in 13 months. The value of imports dropped to \$864,7 million, a 17.7 percent decline from the previous month.

The decline suggests that a campaign by LTV Corp., USX Corp., other U.S. steel manufacturers and steel workers to curb steel imports from Russia, Brazil, Japan, and South Korea may be working. Some importers and analysts said the decline simply reflected market changes.

The Commerce Department imposed preliminary duties on hot-rolled steel from Japan and Brazil in February. The Clinton administration also negotiated an agreement with Russia to pare its steel imports back to 1996 and 1997 levels and has begun scrutinizing steel imports from China. The U.S. House of Representatives last month approved a bill that would cap steel imports at about 26 million metric tons for the next three years.

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symbol, on her computer screen a few times a day, and ride it at the same time" is a cliched admonition more often on days like Monday, when technology commonly heard around the company. stocks took a huge tumble. 'If someone spends all their time watching the Like all employees here, a significant portion of stock ticker, we consider it a performance issue,"

Ms. Fermin's compensation is paid in company stock said Karla Leavelle, Network Solutions' director of - shares that, like those of so many Internet firms, human resources. So far, she said, this has not been a have swung by more than a dozen points on several problem at her company.

recent trading days.

These are heady days at Network Solutions, the But a collective fixation on the NSOL ticker symbol has taken hold here, an inevitable byproduct of em-Virginia consulting company that holds the world monopoly as registry for Internet "domain names," ployee ownership in a volatile stock market. Several staffers have built customized spreadsheets to calculate the value of their company holdings up to the Company shares have risen by more than 750 percent since September, bringing windfalls to the second. Hallway celebrations can erupt spontaneously

on good days, just as downtums can poison morale. For Ms. Fermin, 28, NSOL-watching is like a company's 473 employees, many of them just a few passive video game with real-life prizes: She has paid years out of college. They hope the drops of the past week are hips, rather than the bursting of the Internet stock "bubble" long predicted by some.

But they cannot help shuddering when a single day's trading, such as Monday's, slices 20 percent

Managers urge employees to stay focused on their

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ADB Says Social Ills Threaten Recovery

By Mitchell Martin

WASHINGTON - Even if economic growth resumes this year in Southeast Asia, it will not be sufficiently robust to overcome rising unemployment in the region, putting new pressure on already trouhled social systems, the Asian Development Bank's outlook for 1999 showed.

Despite a relatively optimistic economic forecast showing faster growth than was predicted Tuesday by the International Monetary Fund and some private economists for several key countries -ADB officials said the financial crisis that began in Thailand in the summer of 1997 had social ramifications that would not be resolved simply by a stop to the decline in economic output. These social problems are likely to retard economic growth, it said, creating a vicious circle.

Jungsoo Lee, the ADB's chief economist, said Monday that economic growth of 5 percent to 7 percent was required to create jobs in Asia's emerging economies.

The ADB, however, fore-

cast growth of 4.4 percent this year in the developing countries that it assists, rising to employment rate rose to 5.5 donesia, for example, rose 58 5.1 percent in 2000. Last year, percent last year from 4.7 pergrowth was just 2.6 percent, far below the levels of 8 percent or more recorded earlier in the 1990s. The forecast was espe-

cially weak for the Southeast Asian countries and South cause inflation is reducing school enrollments, reduced Korea, which were at the epicenter of the financial crisis. Indonesia's problems are the most acute. Its official un-

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Laid-off bank employees waving flags on a car during a protest near Indonesia's central bank in Jakarta.

percent last year from 4.7 per-cent in 1997. But the ADB said the jobless levels in all the countries probably under-stated the problem because are underemployed and bepurchasing power even as

percent last year, reflecting increased food costs.

Peter Sullivan, an ADB vice president, said some of the longer-term effects of the some people who have jobs pressure on Sontheast Asian economies were falling environmental protection that prices for many goods are fall- led to such detrimental acing in developed countries. tions as deforestation and Consumer prices in In- overfishing, and cutbacks in

Korea and Japan, which have more factory capacity than is Chicago.

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The potential cures for the

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ployment could be reduced if

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financing — but that has been

difficult to come by, even for

big creditworthy companies.

since the crisis began. The

ADB, he said, was trying to

encourage Asians to channel

their relatively large savings

into the small companies.

which are more likely to cre-

ate jobs than their larger com-

The ADB was also hoping

for economic growth in Ja-

pan, the European Union and

the United States to stimulate

demand for exports, Mr. Sul-

livan said. But the IMF fore-

cast a shrinking Japanese

economy this year, tepid European growth and a slow-down in the U.S. expansion.

A third avenue for alleviating

the employment crisis, re-

structuring of inefficient Asian industries, could acru-

ally make matters worse in

In countries such as South

commensurate with world demand for their products, restructuring is going to reduce employment levels, said Kevin McGahan, Southeast Asia analyst at Marvin Zonis & Associates Inc., a political and economic consultancy in

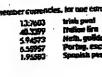
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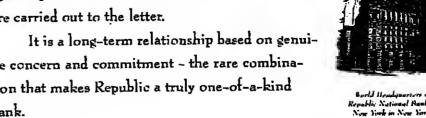
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Very briefly:

· Chase Manhattan Corp.'s first-quarter earnings rose as gains in trading and consumer-banking income more than offset a decline in investment-banking revenue. Net income was up 61 percent at \$1.17 billion, or \$1.32 a share, beating analysts' average forecast of around \$1.25 a share. The company forecast stronger results for the full year as well.

•Sprint Corp.'s first-quarter profit rose 15.6 percent, on strong demand for Internet and data services from business customers. Its net income of \$406.2 million, or 93 cents a share, was at the top end of analysts' forecasts and compared with \$351.5 million, or 80 cents a share, a year earlier.

•UAL Corp., the parent company of United Airlines, said first-quarter earnings fell 14 percent to \$187 million because of a weak performance in January. Business showed increasing strength later in the quarter, UAL said, and secondquarter earnings were expected to be close to its 1998 secondquarter profit of \$418 million, or \$3.24 a share.

 Goldman Sachs Group LP's co-chairman, Jon Corzine who was ousted as chief executive after his decision to help rescue Long-Term Capital Management LP, has joined with Long-Term Capital's founder, John Meriwether, to try to purchase the \$4.8 billion hedge fund.

• Texas Instruments Inc.'s first-quarter operating profit rose 49 percent, fueled by demand for its specialized chips, to \$261 million, or 65 cents a share, from \$176 million, or 44 cents a

• Heller Financial Inc. plans to acquire HealthCare Financial Partners Inc. in a cash and stock deal valued at about

 Airhus Industrie won an order from the aircraft lessor CIT Group for 30 planes valued at an estimated \$1.8 billion — 25 planes from the single-aisle A320 family and five A330-200s. • Banque Nationale de Paris suspended talks to buy control of Banco FonteCindam SA of Brazil because of a government investigation of the Brazilian bank.

Yen Slips On Remark By Tokyo

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the yen Tuesday after Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa of Japan said the recent rise of the Japanese currency was not good for the country's economic recovery.

dollar amid expectations that FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Meanwhile, the euro traded

near record lows against the

the U.S. economy would continue to outperform its European counterparts.

Asked about the yen's recent appreciation against the dollar, Mr. Miyazawa said, "I do not think it is good."

He said he supported comments by Eisuke Sakakibara, the deputy finance minister for international affairs, that the yen's recent gains did not reflect Japan's economic state. Mr. Miyazawa also warned that restructuring in Japan could affect the chances of a recovery.

A "majority of opinion" says the economy will improve gradually, he said, but the impact of corporate restructuring should be "closely monitored."

His commeots helped lift the dollar to 118.85 yen in 4 P.M. trading from 117.57 yen Monday. The euro fell to \$1.0633 from \$1.0660 as investors reacted to a prediction from the International Monetary Fund that growth would be stronger in the United States this year than in Europe. Traders appeared to take little notice of a report that the U.S. trade deficit rose to a record level in February.

The dollar rose to 1.5067 Swiss francs from 1.5030 francs. The pound fell to \$1.6106 from \$1.6117. (AFP, Bloomberg)

Stocks Rise, Led by Tech Rebound

NEW YORK -- Stock prices rose

Tuesday, as technology stocks But so-called cyclical stocks, demand for expanding trading mounted an aggressive comeback such as Alcoa and International Pahours, Richard Ketchum, president from their rout Monday but blue chips posted only small gains.

U.S. STOCKS

At the close, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 8.02 points at 10,448.55. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 16.69 at cent. 1,306.17, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite was up 64.12 at

Microsoft, which was expected to report earnings after the close of trading, and Dell Computer led the Nashigher. Microsoft was up 2 at 83. and Dell rose 234 to 38 3/16. 'It has always been perceived as

a buying opportunity when these stocks correct," said Philip Tasho, chief investment officer at Riggs Investment Management Co.

Internet shares were higher, too, led by E*Trade Group, which rose

16 to 89 13/16 after reporting betterthan-expected profit.

per, whose fates are closely tied to of the National Association of Sethe economy, slumped after sharp curities Dealers, said Monday. recent gains. Alcoa fell 2 to 52 The New York Stock Exchange 11/16, and International Paper fell 2

3/16 to 53 9/16. The price of the 30-year Treasury band rose 2/32 to 96 4/32, keeping the yield unchanged at 5.52 per-(AP, Bloomberg)

■ Nasdag Evening-Trade Plan Jerry Knight of The Washington

Post reported from New York: West Coast, who find it incoovers.

Officials of the Nasdag Stock ent to do business on Eastern time. Market are putting the finishing touches oo a proposal to extend trading by adding a four-hour evening session to its regular trading day.

Long promoted by some Nasdaq

trading firms and investors, extended trading could begin as early as this summer if the Nasdaq board of governors and regulators approve the plan being drafted.

"In our discussions with investors and firms, we've heard a powerful

The New York Stock Exchange is working on a plan to extend its trading hours by adding an early morning session to trade stocks of non-U.S. communies and an evening ses-

sion for U.S. issues. The moves to extend trading hours are being driven by demand from several groups, including foreign investors and traders on the West Coast, who find it incooveni-

Scot Peterson, a Nasdaq spokesman, said a four-hour evening trad-ing session could start at 5 P.M. or 6 P.M. Eastern time. The Nasdaq market would continue to end its regular session at 4 P.M., and closing prices for stocks and mutual funds would be calculated as of that time. The evening session's trading would be counted as part of the next day's activity.

GM and Toyota See Closer Ties

The Associated Press DETROIT - A dead for research and development in advanced technology between General Motors Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp. could lead to broader cooperation between the two, GM's No. 2 executive

has said Vice Chairman Harry Pearce of GM stopped short Monday of predicting an outright merger of the two but said the companies should "have a very open mind in terms of where this kind of collaboration takes us."

His comment came after he and Akihiro Wada, the vice president of Toyota, announced a five-year deal to jointly research and develop alterna-tive-fuel vehicles. Mr. Pearce said both sides expected the venture to last well beyond five years as "a continuing collab-oration."

OPTIONS: As Stock Swings, Staff at Internet Firm Finds It Hard to Concentrate

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off all her school loans and taken spontaneous winter weekend trips to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by cashing in stock options.

Ms. Fermin makes \$40,000 to \$60,000 a year in base salary but has amassed 4,000 Network Solutions shares in just over two years at the company — a stake worth about \$282,000 at the close of trading Mon-day, down from more than \$460,000 senior Weh designer who is bent on the teens a few weeks earlier. "But a week earlier. On a single January day, though, Ms. Fermin's paper wealth increased by \$125,000.

She says she is focused on her joh, immersed in the daily arcana of basis points, invoices and spreadsheets. 'That's more than a 100K ily that lived on welfare. As a teen-But things can get giddy around the swing," he said. "But it's no big ager, he used to clean apartments, bus office sometimes. On March 18, a deal. It's money I've never seen." tables and drive an ice-cream truck to few days before a 2-for-1 stock split, the company's share price broke Monday advising everyone to "re-\$300, up from \$21 six months earli-main calm." er. Employees clustered around terminals and burst into applause at the milestone moment, and many theo repaired to local happy hours.

companies, few have experienced a roller-coaster ride like this. Network ou registering on-line domain names.
This is a major center of the Internet'a rocket growth, and Wall Street has

fallen hard for the company. "Stock options have brought about a whole corporate culture of retiring in 10 years. During an in-terview last week, his total portfolio of all stocks surpassed \$400,000. When trading closed Monday, his portfolio was worth \$261,000.

He said he got a note from a manager pad his family's food-stamp budget.

taken hold as a form of employee price tick up a few points and having compensation in 1968 when Intel a few extra thoosand dollars to blow Corp. began issuing them. Their is pretty amazing to me."

Even among young technology rising popularity coincides with the ompanies, few have experienced a growth of the high-tech industry over oller-coaster ride like this. Network the past decade. As many fast-grow-

speculative form of compensation.

Remnie Sullivan, a 34-year-old was at \$50. He figured he was making out pretty well at \$22,500 bethree weeks later, the stock went through the roof," he said. "We're talking a difference of \$100,000."

tables and drive an ice-cream truck to stayed over \$100.

"When you're on welfare, you stock options are believed to have need, 'he said. 'So seeing the stock

Mr. Sullivan purchased a fourbedroom home near Sterling, Virginia, last month. His wife gave Solutions, a rare Internet firm that is ing tech companies are years from birth to their second son last year, profitable, has built a stout business profitability, options represent a and his 12,000 shares of Network Solutions stock gives him a cozy nest egg. He doesn't have lavish client services manager, sold 450 tastes or extravagant goals. His most shares last October when the stock urgent goal at the moment is to

Mr. Sullivan became eligible Monday to sell a block of 900 shares. In the course of a half-hour interview one morning last week. Network Solutions stock rose \$3 a share, to \$111, and Mr. Sullivan's Mr. Sullivan grew up in East total shares were worth more than Providence, Rhode Island, in a fam- \$1.3 million. He promised himself he would sell most of the 900 shares ager, he used to clean apartments, bus this week if Network Solutions

But the market made a different decision: Network Solutions shares have numbled since that interview. On Monday, the shares closed at \$70.50. On Tuesday, the shares fell \$10.375 to close at \$60.125. The basement may have to wait.

OUTLOOK: Sluggish Pace of World Economy Poses Problems for Developing Countries, IMF Says

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tually be forced to raise in- been a boon to exporters in appear to be "very handsome "like every other forecaster erage previously accepted as terest rates to limit inflation. other countries, and a harder prices" in the stock market for the last three years," has the noninflationary maxi-

tween a "soft landing," in terest rates might trigger a more. He added, however, ic growth, But while pro-It warned that if the Amer- which consumers slow down sharp correction in the stock that the IMF had been preican economy did not slow of their recent shopping spree market that would quickly dicting such a decline for the lowed the mature American: its own accord, the Federal and companies trim invest- slow economic growth. Reserve Board would even- ment, both of which have Mr. Mussa said that what

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The choices, it said, are be-landing in which rising in-could fall by 20 percent or underestimated U.S. econom-cient economy, the best it can ductivity gains may have aleconomy to grow faster than Likewise, he said, the IMF, the 2.25 percent long-term avmum, 4 percent growth over the long term is not considered

Europe and Asia to pick up

For this year, the IMF predicted 3.3 percent growth in the United States, followed. by a 2.2 percent expansion in 2000, while the European Union would expand 1.8 percent and then 2.7 percent.

The slowing pace of world growth is both a cause and an effect of the financial crises that began in Asia in 1907.

that began in Asia in 1997. The IMF said the economies in Asia that suffered the first market crisis seemed close to the bottom of their deep economic slumps, with growth apparently having resumed in

Brazil seemed to have stabilized after the financial crisis reached it in January and 5.1 percent in 2000 and that its problems seem to have had only a limited 1998. The IMF contended, spillover effect on the rest of however, that it could do better. The government spends and however. largest economy.
But the outlook for Russia

is not so bright. The IMF said sell companies, or that even if it reforms its corruption-plagued and ineffi-banking industry.

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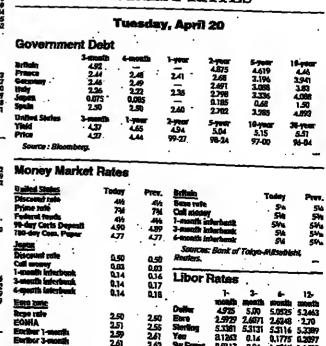
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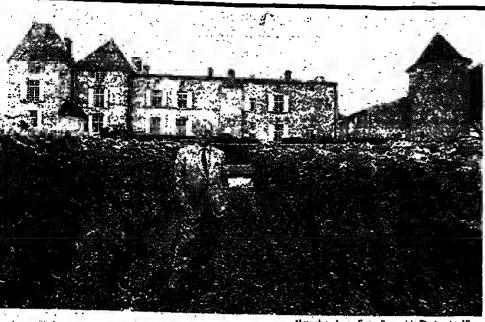
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PARIS - LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vnitton SA said Tuesday it had gained control of the prestigious Chateau d'Yquem vineyard after having settled a long legal quarrel with the property's manager, Count Alexandre de Lur-

Count Alexandre, whose family acquired Chateau d'Yquem in 1785, tried for more than two years to block the acquisition.

Under terms of the deal, Count Alexandre will be appointed chairman of a new company, Chatean d'Yquem, which will maintain its shareholding structure. He also will remain manager of the company that runs the pres-tigious vineyard's land and buildings, valued by industry sources at \$1 billion.

The vineyard produces the most expensive Sauternes, a sweet golden wine traditionally served with desserts and fore gras, with prices holdings also include the champagnes Dom 64 percent,

beginning at around \$250 a bottle. Chatean Perignon, Krug and Moet & Chandon.
d'Yquem was the only producer of Sauternes to The deal makes Bernard Arnault, the chairbe given first-growth status in the original 185g

classification of Bordeaux winemakers. Count Alexandre said the sale to LVMH marked an end to "more than 400 years of family heritage," adding, "My responsibility from now on is to do everything so that Yquem

will remain as it is."

LVMH pledged to keep up traditional production standards at Chateau d'Yquem. The grapes are picked by hand, individually selected for their sugar content and the so-called noble rot that gives them their lasting sweemess.

The agreement with Count Alexandre gives LVMH firm control over a leading Bordeaux chateau for the second time in six months, after its purchase of the Saint Emilion vineyard Cheval Blanc in December. The luxury group's

man of LVMH, one of the largest investors in

the Bordeaux regioo's finest wines. In 1996, the LVMH subsidiary Eurotrope acquired 50.66 percent of the two companies that own and manage the Chateau d'Yquem vineyard for 500 million francs (\$81 million) in

a deal agreed to hy 45 members of the family. But Count Alexandre, with his son Bertrand, took legal action to block the sale, saying he had a right of first refusal. The conot alleged that LVMH had taken advantage of his brother, Marquis Eugene, the majority shareholder.

LVMH said Tuesday that Count Alexandre had finally validated the transfer of his brother's 17 percent stake to LVMH in 1996 and had agreed to cede shares belonging to himself and to his son, raising the LVMH bolding to about (Reuters, AFP)

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New Default For Russia

MOSCOW — Russia will not be able to pay off \$1.3 billioo of debt that matures in May, Deputy Fi-nance Minister Mikhail Kasyanov said Tuesday in Londoo, where he is meeting creditors.

"We are hoping for the uoder-standing of creditors," Mr. Kasy-anov said. "We hope creditors will not demand payment which would make Russia's debt problems hig-

Russia owes \$330 millioo in in terest payments on all its so-called MinFin bonds and \$1.3 billioo in principal oo the Series 3 bonds due

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may use issued in domestic deht that was issued in 1993 to compensate Russian eotities whose hard-currency accounts in the state-owned Vnesheconombank were frozen when Moscow defaulted oo Soviet debt in 1991.

Analysts have long identified the paper as the most vulnerable of Russia's many debt instruments.

Mr. Kasyanov's announcement was the first indication of an imminent debt default since last August, when Moscow defaulted on about \$40 billioo of domestic debt. (AFP, Bloomberg)

German Outlook Up

MUNICH - German business confidence rose for the first time in 10 months in March, the Ifo economic research institute said Tuesday.

The institute's index showed that business confidence in the West rose to 90.2 points from a revised 89.7 in February. Confidence in Eastern Germany rose to 106.4 from 106.1.

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Allianz AG, a German insurance company, raised its stake in Paribas SA, a French bank that is the target of two competing takeover hids, to 5.07 percept from 4.4g percept. • France's trade surplus widened slightly in February, to 9.06 billion francs (\$1.47 billion) from 9.03 billion francs in January, seasonally adjusted customs figures showed.

 Britain's inflation rate rose to 2.7 percent last month from 2.4 percent in February, exceeding the government's 2.5 percent target rate as the effects of oew excise taxes were felt.

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· Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd., confronting an increasingly competitive market, will offer a voluntary retirement package to 4,000 of its 13,500 employees, Thailand's cabinet approved a national budget that in-

creases general spending by 4.2 percent and extends the fiscal deficit in an attempt to pull the nation out of recession. Formosa Plastics Group's consolidated pretax profit rose

26.8 percent last year, to 23.38 billion Taiwan dollars (\$724 million), as a result of nonoperational income and tax re-

· Malaysian banks' problem loans are under control and the amount of bad debt is expected to peak before the eod of this year, the national asset-management agency said,

· Pohang Iron & Steel Co. expects domestic steel demand to rise 13 percent this year, allowing the South Korean steelmaker to maintain its 1999 crude-steel output near last year's level of 25.57 million tons even as exports fall,

. Japan will miss its April deadline for finding a buyer for the collapsed Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd., which was put under state control in October after struggling with AFP. AP. Blowmberg, Reuters

Tan Takes Charge at Ailing PAL

Bloomberg News

MANILA - Lucio Tan, the investor who is attempting to rescue Philippine Airlines. shook up management of the ailing carrier on Tuesday, assuming the post of chief ex-ecutive and bringing back an executive from retirement.

The new president is Avelino Zapanta, a former PAL executive, the airline said in a letter to regulators. He will replace Luis Virata. chairman of Jardine Fleming Exchange Capital Group Inc.. who resigned just three months after

being named to the post. Mr. Zapanta also took on the responsibilities of the chief operating officer, Jaime Bautista. who resigned.

The management changes come a day after the reclusive Mr. Tan, among the nation's wealthiest businessmen, unveiled plans to invest an additional \$200 million by June to insure the survival of the debtladen carrier.

He may not be finished shuffling executives at the airline, which owes \$2.3 billion to more than 9.000 creditors. PAL lost more than \$250 million in the nine months to Dec. 31.

In a meeting Monday, the PAL board "authorized the chairman and CEO to effect whatever changes in management he may deem in the best interest of the company," said Antonio Ocampo, the PAL corporate secretary, in a letter to the Securities & Exchange

Commission. Mr. Tan, who owns 70 percent of PAL, is willing to place \$100 million in escrow immediately. The other \$100 million will be made available before a June 4 deadline.

-ch. Tech Land Auction Fails to Spur Hong Kong Stocks

By Philip Segal

HONG KONG - At its first public land sale in a year on Tuesday. the government raised 1.49 billion Hong Kong dellars (\$192.3 million) in sorely needed revenue, but it failed to give the all-important property market the shot in the arm the auction was designed to achieve.

After surging the past week, the stock market greeted the sales by falling sharply, even though prices fetched at the auction were higher than expected. Analysis said this was a reflection of the unrepresentative nature of the sites sold, and the fact that Hong Kong's largest developers were cautious in their

the big names on the stock market, cast, the rarity of such sites made exception. The government owns have been starved for land because of the ban on public land sales imposed by the government last June in an effort to stop prices from falling.

The benchmark Hang Seng index was down 0.9 percent when the auction began, and ended the day down 356.66 points, or 2.8 percent, at 12,409.78 points.

The larger developers who did bid were not that aggressive, said Ono Wong, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney. 'It shows that the bigger developers are still quite seasible. The smaller ones had to be more aggressive."

Other analysts agreed that although the prices fetched for two

extrapolation regarding the broader nearly all the land here, and careland market difficult.

"The best sites were picked to kick off the land sales program. said Andrew Lawrence, an analyst at investment bank Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. 'I'm not yet sure prices overall will pick up.

Property prices are up 10 to 15 percent from their lows reached this year, as optimism grows among investors that Asia has seen the worst of its financial crisis.

Still, the real estate market in where in the world.

Hong Kong has a reputation as a

All three sites on auction went to small, urban sites for luxury de- bastion of free-market economics. velopment were higher than fore- but its real estate market is a great

fully doles it out at land auctions. In restoring land to the market the government has taken care not to sell enough to flood the supply. In a change in the way it decides which sites will be auctioned, it now puts some land on a "reserve" list, and sells it only if developers put down a

cash deposit ahead of time. It has also restricted supply. For the year that began April 1, the government committed to sell just 31 hectares (76.6 acres) of land, a link Hong Kong remains fragile, and it is still one of the most expensive any-1997. Another 32 hectares will be available on the "reserve" list

3 Japanese Drug Firms Plan to Combine

TOKYO - Three drug companies said Tuesday they would merge next April, creating Japan's largest

pharmaceutical wholesaler. Kuraya Corp., Sanseido Co. and Tokyo Pharmaceutical Co., all linked to the larger Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd., said the merged entity would surpass the current negotiate prices with drugmakers."
market leader, Suzuken Co., and The companies said they were

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in the first quarter of 1999, exceed-

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Gross domestic product was 1.678 trillion yuan (\$202.71 billion)

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BEUING - China's economy

Chinese Growth Tops Target

ing the government's target rate for the year, according to official figures released Tuesday, as state spending ects, a spokesman for the State De-

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predicted sales of 917.7 billion yen joining forces to reduce expenses (\$7.8 billion) by the year ending in

March 2001. "Scale will be our strongest weapon," said the president of Sanseido, Takashi Yamada, who will retain his post in the combined company, to be named Kuraya Sanseido.
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and cope with government-mandated price cuts as well as other regulatory changes that threaten to put pressure oo earnings. Their businesses have little overlap, with Tokyo-based Kuraya's main territory in the eastern half of Japan and Kobe based Sanseido covering the

western part. Terms of the deal call for Sanseido to swap 1.7 of its shares for each share of Kuraya, the second-largest distributor. That works out to 2,023 yen per share, a 10.5 percent premiom to Kuraya's closing price Tuesday. Sanseido, currently ranked fifth BEUING — China's economy grew at an annual rate of \$3 percent in the first quarter of 1999, exceed water-conservation facilities, with The companies have agreed that

despite the name change, Sanseido will be considered the surviving comparty because it has ties with more drugmakers, the president of Kuraya, Sadatake Kumakura, said.

Takeda, Japan's largest pharmacentical company, has a 22.5 percent stake in Sanseido, a 2.9 percent stake in Kuraya and a 71.9 percent stake in Tokyo Pharmaceutical. - Kuraya shares rose 131 yen to China also said it would spend a vestors don't see a reliable source of close at 1,831 yen, and Sanseido fell

(Bloomberg, AFP)

Daewoo Halts Shipyard Plans

Blowmberg News SEOUL — Daewoo Group retreated Tuesday from a plan to sell its shipyard business and said it might form a joint ven-

ture instead. Daewoo, one of South Korea's biggest industrial groops, said Monday it would sell its shipbuilding unit for \$4.1 bil-lion and focus on making cars. Oo Tuesday, a spokesman for Daewoo Heavy Industries Co., which runs the shipyard, said the final plan might allow Daewoo to maintain control of the

venture. The proposed sale of the shipbuilding unit, one of the world's largest was a key part of Daewoo's plan to raise as much as \$13 billion overseas this year as it tries to cut its debts of 59.87 trillion won (\$49.19 billion) in half. The group said it would concentrate

on Daewoo Motor Co. Daewoo's shift came as 85 percent of Daewoo Heavy Industries 7.800 unionized workers went oo strike td protest the sale.

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gh-Tech Hangover: Nervous Investors Go Back to Basics

WASHINGTON — Encouraged by signs of economic recovery in Asia, more stable oil prices, better-than-expected earnings for traditional companies, and some good hargains, investors have been moving hig chunks of their money ont of high-technology companies and into more mainstream sec-

markets extended a trend that has been developing for almost two weeks - a long time by the standards of today's volatile markets.

McKay, investment strategist at Bear Stearns & Co.

earnings and moving money into more conventional, decidedly less sexy companies such as Exxon Corp., Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., American Airlines' parent company, AMR Corp., Illinois Tool Works Inc. and J.P.

managers for two or three years now," said David Dreman, Management in Jersey City. "Now we're coming out of our

percent to a 52-week high, Aluminum Co. of America has climbed 25 percent, and International Paper Co. has soared 26 percent. Over the same stretch of time, Internet high-flier Lycos Inc. has tumbled 30 percent, Dell Computer Corp. has fallen 18 percent, and Sun Microsystems Inc. has plunged 31

The gap between growth stocks and value stocks was too wide and now that gap is going to be closed," said Alan Skrainka, chief market strategist of Edward Jones & Co. This is a violent move in the opposite direction and a lesson for investors to have diversified portfolios."

Several key factors appeared to have changed the psy-said. People create these prophets, and she's changed her chology of investors over the past 10 days. Among them were mind." disappointing earnings from Compaq Computer Corp. and Gillette Co., two high-priced market favorites, and an earnings warning from the Sun Microsystems chairman, Scott McNealy, who said that year 2000 problems could slow technology spending and earnings for his company.

In addition, the latest disclosure statements from Fidelity Investments showed that two of its higgest mutual funds Magellan and Contrafund, had trimmed their substantial holdings in leading technology companies. Intel Corp., Magellan's

fourth-largest holding at the end of the year, dropped off the giant fund's top 10 list. So did Lucent Technologies Inc., which had held the number eight spot.

"People all of a sudden sey, 'Gee, these are huge multiples. What are we doing?' Ms. McKay said. 'li's almost like a bell goes off in the collective consciousness. And we do have a war going on in Europe.

One element in the collective consciousness has been Mary Meeker, a Morgan Stanley Dean Witter analyst. If one stock analyst has personified the overheated technology and Internet sector, it has been Ms. Meeker, a consistent booster of

February, when she called the outlook for those companies phenomenal, they soared.

But Monday, word flashed ooto the financial news wires

that Ms. Meeker had given an interview to the New Yorker magazine in which she predicted a "big correction" in Internet-related stock prices and said that only a few "handfuls" of companies would continue to rack up good profits in the future. By the end of the day, technology stocks were plunging and Ms. Meeker's favorites took some of the biggest

'You could call it Meeker's meltdown," Mr. Skrainka

Suzanoe Fleming, a Morgan Stanley spokeswoman, urged people to read the entire New Yorker article. "There's nothing new in what she's said in that article," Ms. Fleming said. "It's not an earth-shattering profile."

Ms. Meeker would not comment.

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The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of DICAM WORLD WIDE INVESTMENT FUND, SICAV will be held at the offices of Benque Générale du Luxembourg S.A. 50, evenue J.F. Kennedy, Luxembourg on 30 April 1999 at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of considering end voting upon the following matters:

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CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER **ENDED 3 APRIL 1999**

STMicroelectronics reports first quarter net earnings rise 10.8%

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Extracts)

In millions of US dellars (except per share date)	Quarte 03/04/99	r ended 04/04/98
Net revenues	1.113.3	1,005.4
Gross profit Total operating expenses Operating income	427.9 (296.5) 131.4	385.0 (270.1) 114.9
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Earnings per share (basic)	USD 0.74	USD 0.65
Earnings per share (diluted)	USD 0.72	USD 0.65

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Extracts)

In millions of US dollars	03/04/99	31/12/98
Total assets	6.409.5	6.434.0
Shareholders' equity	4.036.1	4.083.3

The full text of the first quarter results' press release is available for the public at the office of Crédit Agricole Indosuez, Secrétariat Financier - Actions -92920 Paris La Défense Cedex. FRANCE. FOR INVESTMENT INFORMATION Read THE MONEY REPORT every Saturday in the IHT. April 20, 1999 http://www.iht.com/IHT/FUN/funds.html

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By Steven Mufson

On Monday, as Internet and high-technology stocks were getting pummeled, stocks of airlines, oil companies and banks were among the three shares that rose for every two that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, and 160 stocks reached 52week highs. The unusually busy trading day on U.S. stock

'I think yon've got the makings of a persistent leadership change toward value-oriented stocks,' said Elizabeth

Investors are tiring of buying high-technology companies that sell at extremely high premiums compared with their

We value managers have been beaten up by growth chairman and chief investment officer of Dreman Value

Over the past 10 days, there have been some sharp contrasts in stock moves. Since April 9, Illinois Tool has jumped 18 stocks such as Yahoo! Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and eBay Inc. In

numbled 15 percent since the beginning of the year, while the

· Salomon Smith Barney, the securities arm of financial

clients' Internet access to research and portfolio checking. The

firm's move mirrors recent actions by its rivals Merrill Lynch

& Co. and PaineWebber Group Inc. to offer on-line trading.

Citigroup offered no details on how much the firm would

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CAC-40 index of French stocks has risen 6 percent.

Very briefly: • Lagardere SCA of France plans to seek authorization from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Of the total shareholders to huy back up to 10 percent of its shares with the number of Sibneft shares, 4.2 percent will be available as aim of bolstering the share price. The defense, media and ADRs. Just 9.5 percent of the company's shares corrently transport company will propose the huyback at its May 6. trade. Sibneft, one of two Russian oil producers that provide annual meeting. The company said it would spend a maximum financial results according to U.S. accounting principles, has of 500 million euros (\$533 million) on the buyback, which yet to release its 1998 results.

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would take place by Nov. 6, 2000. Lagardere's shares have Goldman, Sachs & Co. bas hired Dentsche Bank AG's European telecommunications research team, the Wall Street Journal reported. The team includes five analysts. The report comes soon after the announcement that Deutsche Telekom services company Citigroup Inc., plans to start offering Internet trading later this year, reversing a policy of limiting AG recently appointed Deutsche Bank as one of the global

coordinators of its planned \$11 hillion capital increase. The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange will unveil a new stock settlement system in the second half of the year, which it hopes will make it easier for foreign brokers to trade in Malaysian shares. The exchange may allow locally incorporated foreign banks such as ABN-AMRO NV of the Netherlands, Citibank of the United States and HSBC Holdings PLC of Britain to become members of Malaysia's stock it easier for the company to raise money. The company clearing house. That would enable banks to directly credit, or registered 20 million American depositary receipts - shares transfer, shares owned by foreign clients without the one-day I denominated in dollars and traded in the United States - with lag between delivery of shares and payment. Reuters, Blumberg

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Becker and Agassi Quit Monte Carlo

WORLD ROUNDUP

TENNIS The Monte Carlo Open was left without two of its major stars Tuesday after Boris Becker and Andre Agassi bad to pull out

Becker rushed back to Germany on Monday night after the death of his father, Karl-Heinz, who had been suffering from stomach cancer for some time.

"I am very, very sad," Becker said. "I admired my father, and I owe him a lot. In this difficult situation. I have to and want to be close to my family. Especially my mother needs me.

Agassi, who had a first-round bye as seventh seed, withdrew Tuesday before his second round match with a shoulder injury.

In second-round acoon Tuesday, Fernando Meligeni of Brazil de-feated the No. 3 seed, Tim Henman of Britain, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 7-5. The ninth seed, Marcelo Rios.

the 1997 winner, played an in-consistent match and struggled to beat Andrei Pavel of Romania, 0-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). (Reuters)

Kinder Bologna Headed To EuroLeague Final

BASKETBALL Kinder Bologna defeated its crosstown rival, Team-system Bologna, 62-57, Tuesday in Munich in the first game of the EuroLeague semifinals.

Radoslav Nesterovic led Kinder with 16 points, while Hugo Sconochini scored 14 and Predrag Danilovic added 12.

Olympiakos of Athens and Za-Igiris, of Kaunas, Lithuania, were to play in the second Final Four game later Tuesday. (Reuters)

Awards for Gretzky

ICEHOCKEY One day after playing the final game of his National Hockey League career, Wayne Gretzky was cominated Monday for membership in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Its selection committee plans to meet April 29 to vote on waiving the customary waiting period of three years after retire-

ment in Gretzky's case. Gretzky also received his 44th NHL Player of the Week award. He won his first such award Jan. 12, 1981. (AP)

Madrid Buys Midfielder

SOCCER Real Madrid has agreed to pay Genclerbirligi, a Turkish club, \$4.75 million to sign Geremi Njitap, a 20-year-old Cameroonian international, at the end of the season. Real said Tuesday it was negotiating terms with the midfielder. (Reuters)

Bengals Drop O'Donnell

FOOTBALL The Cincinnati Bengals released Neil O'Donnell two days after they decided to draft another quarterback, Akili Smith, in the first round.

Ooce the Bengals committed to Smith, O'Donnell, 32, asked to be released so he could have time to sign with another team, the team's general manager. Mike Brown,

aid. (AP)
• Terry Alleo, who holds Washington's single-season rushing re-cord, was released by the Redskins. After his 1,353-yard seasoo three years ago, the 31-year-old Allen was sidelined several times with injuries.



Cardinals shortstop Edgar Renteria losing his balance as he tagged the Brewers' Fernando Vina at second base in the third inning in Milwaukee.

Bonds Follows Ripken Onto the Disabled List

Giants Left Fielder to Have Surgery on Elbow

Florida 5-4 Monday night.

BASSBALL ROUNDUP

they announced Bonds would have surgery Tuesday to repair a bone spur in his left elbow and a damaged triceps ten-

"I don't think we know yet how long he's going to be out," said Brian Sabean, the Giants general manager. Bonds, 34, was put on the 15-day

disabled list for only the second time in his 14-year career. The All-Star left fielder was batting .366 with four home

Ripken, the 38-year-old Baltimore Orioles third baseman, was sidelined by a bad back. He was hitting only .178 with five errors in eight games.

Bonds missed his second straight

game for the Giants, Ellis Burks, who San Francisco sent the visiting Marlins to their fourth straight loss.

dbacks 3, Phillies 2 Omar Daal pitched well into the ninth inning as Arizona improved to 7-7, reaching the .500 mark for the first time in franchise history. The Diamondbacks were 65-97

last year in their first season. Tony Womack beat out a drag hunt to start the eighth, stole second and scored the go-ahead ruo on Travis Lee's dou-

Daal set down the first 14 Philadelphia batters before Scott Roleo hit a 473-foot home run, the longest ever at Bank One Ballpark. The drive landed in the third row of restaurant patio seating in the second deck above left field.

Atlanta kept scoring at Dodger Stadi-

A day after winning 20-5 at Colorado, the Braves got 18 hits. Chipper Jones bomered for the second straight day and Bret Boone also connected.

The Associated Press

On the day Cal Ripken was placed on the disabled list for the first time in his 19-year career, he got some star com-

pany — Barry Bonds.

Rockies 11, Expos 10 Colorado rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning in Denver, with Jeff Reed's sac-

rifice fly capping the comeback.

Ugueth Urbina had been successful on 21 straight save chances since last June 17 before the Rockies rallied. Wilton Guerrero had four hits for the Expos. But he made two errors at second

hase, including a key misplay in the Cardinals 6, Browers 2 J.D. Drew, who began the eight hatting .176 with no home runs, enjoyed a hig game as St. Louis won for the sixth straight time in

Milwaukee. The highly regarded rookie homered, tripled and singled, driving in three runs

and scoring three.

Pirates 3, Padros 0 Pittsburgh's Jason
Kendall and Brian Giles hoth had nice homecomings in a victory at San Kendall, son of former Padres catcher

took over Bonds's usual No. 3 spot in the batting order, hit a three-run homer as hases and scored twice. He was on hase when Giles hit a two-out, two-run single in the eighth.

Tony Gwynn went 2-for-3 with a douhle, giving him 2,949 career hits. Twins 5, Hoyals 4 LaTroy Hawkins, snapped his seven-game losing streak as

Minnesota won in Kansas City. Hawkins seemed en route to his eighth straight loss before Marty Cordova capped a five-run seventh inning with a three-run homer off Royals reliever Doo Weogert. The Royals lost their third in a

Hawkins weot six innings and allowed five hits and three runs, walking one and striking out one.

Devit Rays 4, Red Sox 1 Rolando Arrojo pitched seven strong innings and Braves 11, Bodgers 3 John Smoltz John Flaherty homered and doubled as singled home the game's first run, and Tampa Bay won in the Patriot's Day game in Boston.

Jose Offerman homered and singled for Bostoo

The Red Sox are 36-36 in the annual morning game, played on the same day as the Boston Marathoo.

Turning White Sand to Bluegrass

Dubai's Maktoum Brothers Set Sights on the Kentucky Derby

By William A. Orme Jr. New York Times Service

UBAI, United Arab Emirates t was a hazy early morning in this glitzy desert kingdom, and Simon Crisford and Saeed ihn Doroor were staring silently at the last turn of their training track.

The object of their attention soon came into view, his pulsing chest dark with sweat: Worldly Manner, the bay brown colt that they hope will make history as the first horse representing the Arab East to win the Keotucky Derby. Should Worldly Manner falter, they

will have another runner in the pack: Aljabr, a taut 3-year-old with even better blood lines, who charged past next. Crisford, the English manager of the Dubai-based Godolphin stables, and Do-roor, the trainer from Dubai, said they saw what they wanted to see: Nothing.

No worrisome changes in gait, oo signs of stress. The horses were ready. The Godolphin borses have been prepared for Churchill Downs in the strict-

est privacy, half a world away in the Gulf, far from the prying eyes of rivals, breeders, bandicappers and writers.
On Monday, Worldly Manner, Aljabr

on Monday, worldly Mannet, Arjan and 10 stablemates were led aboard a chartered plane and flowo to Kentucky.

After a 48 bours in quarantine, the two Derby contenders will be seen for the first time this season just 10 days before they run, defying the traditional route to the Derby that includes mooths of puosishing and everyling pren races.

ishing and revealing prep races.

Behind this secretive assault on the grandest of American racing titles is the man Crisford calls the Boss -- General Mohammed ibo Rashid al-Maktoum, de-

Kentucky Derby is a special challenge,"
Sheikh Mohammed said, "A year ago I decided that we should be there.
"I hope to win it in four years. Four years, I we fail this time, we'll try again.

That's a promise."

Sheikh Mohammed's investment in breeding and racing is measured in hun-dreds of millions of dollars. His borses "World Series" of nine thoroughbred

routinely compete in — and often win — most major races in Europe and Asia.
Godolphin, a company owoed jointly with his three hrothers, including the Dubai ruler. Sheikh Maktoum al-Maktoum has by most assente most assente. toum, has by most accounts more competitive thoroughbreds than any other

racing consortium ever assembled.
The Churchill Downs classic is one of racing consortium ever assembled.

The Churchill Downs classic is one of the great remaining prizes in the sheik's derstand that we are thinking globally." know this is a grueling race. There is oo Still, the sandy wastelands of Dubai's margin for error. But we diink we have industrial outskirts can seem a peculiar as good a chance to win as anyone.

quest. His one previous try at the Derby place to train Derby contenders. came in 1992 when the highly regarded Arazi, a horse that trained lightly in phin compound is an oasis of many compound is an oasis of many compound in the phin compound is an oasis of many compound is an oasis of many contenders. France, finished eighth.

The stunning scale of the Godolphin operation offers a glimpse into the Maktoums' ambitions, and pocketbook. There are more than a hundred thoroughbreds at their Al Quoz Racing Stable, most said to be worth a million dollars or more. They are ridden daily hy a handsomely salaried staff of 40 jockeys from Ireland, England and the United

from Ireland, England and the United States. Teoding the borses and their stalls are some 70 grooms recruited from Pakistan — "the best," Crisford says.

The professional talent at the top is among the best money can buy. Frankie Dentori, the Italian chief house jockey, has amassed millions in lifetime eamings. The assistant trainer is Tom Albertrani, a tacitum New Yorker who was bertrani, a tacitum New Yorker who was an assistant trainer for Cigar before join-

ing Godolphin three years ago.

Crisford is one of the most driven and successful managers in the sport. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of the competition and a proven instinct for knowing hich horse to race when, and where.

He is working with legitimate colts. Worldly Manner was one of the most successful 2-year-olds in America last year before the sheikh bought him for \$5

From Sheikh Mohammed's perspec-tive, there is another powerful argument for a Derby bid. The Maktoums preside over a mostly empty expanse of seafront desert with diminishing oil reserves. The crown prince is the force behind the transformation of Dubai into a commercial and industrial center dependent more on trade and tourism than petroleum sales. Getting Dubai on internationally televised sports broadcasts - it bosts golf and tennis tournaments -- is part of a public relations strategy. European travelers are already discovering Dubai's warm winter beaches, crime-free streets, and gargan-

tuan duty-free shopping malls.
By sponsoring the \$4 million Dubai
World Cup, the Maktoums have put their desert kingdom on the racing map. They are now upping the ante, offering \$15 "World Series" of nine thoroughbred competitions in eight countries.

"Transportation is getting much better, and the world is getting much smaller," said Sheikh Mohammed. "I know some people in America think it is strange, these horses coming out of nowhere, running in our best race. They can't un-

Inside the walls, however, the Godolphin compound is an easis of manicured green, the irrigated lawns separating impeccably maintained walking tracks, tile-shaded paddocks, 10 airy screened barns, and the blue streak of a 75-meter (250-

foot) single-lane thoroughhred swimming pool. The almost obsessive emphasis on security and orderliness smacks of a military software development lab. "We try to limit visitors, because everyone here has a joh to do," Crisford said. "And I think people should respect the fact that Mohammed wants to keep

his business private. Maktoum horses have competed in Britain since the 1970s. Five years ago, they decided to move the horses to Dubai for the winter. The Godolphin operation silenced critics with a swift string of victories in some of the sport's most

prestigious races, including the Irish Derby in 1994 and the English Derby in 1995, in 1996 and again in 1998.

Last month, in what they saw as their sweetest victory yet, Godolphin's Almurawakel beat a dream-team field of thoroughbreds that included Silver Charm, the 1997 Kentucky Derby win-

oer, in the Dubai World Cup.
In its five years, Godolphin has won more than \$22 million in prize money. More to the point, Sheikh Mohammer said, is the story of Lammtarra, winner of the 1995 English Derby, who was bred in Maktoum family stables and sold for \$30 million after consecutive victories in major European races.

"I want to win, yes, but there is also a commercial logic to everything we do."

While other borses headed for Churchill Downs were making their pub-lic way through prep races in Florida, Kentucky and California, Worldly Manner and Aljabr were working out behind the barbed-wire walls of Al Quoz Racing Stable. Even two trial races won by the two Derby contenders here this month were private events, albeit on a royal scale. Top jockeys were flown in Every mount was Maktoum family property. There were no cheering speciators in the

stands, no outside media coverage. Crisford says his goal is to minimize the stress on borses being readied for competition. The traditional pre-Derby prep circuit "is a punishing campaign, and it can take a toll," he said.

"It is like climbing Mount Everest," Crisford said. "We're not breezing in there, saying 'hey guys, look at us." We

Several Stars Out of Postseason Action

The Associated Press

Wayne Gretzky will not be the only star missing when the National Hockey League playoffs start Wednesday.

Eric Lindros, the Philadelphia cen-ter. Jeremy Roenick of Phoenix and Derian Hatcher of the Dallas Stars are among those who will be out of action. Unlike Gretzky, they have not retired. and their teams are in the playoffs.

Lindros is recuperating from a collapsed lung suffered more than two weeks ago in Nashville.

"Everybody realizes that Eric woo't be back for the first round, and it's oot an issue," said John LeClair, one of Lindros's teammates. "We're not just sitting bere wishing he was back, we're going ahead without him."

Roenick has a broken jaw - the result of a hit hy Hatcher - along with a broken thumb. Hatcher is in the midst of a seven-game suspension because of his illegal move on Roenick, and will miss the first five games of the play-

Toronto and Phoenix will face St. good company. Louis at home. On Wednesday Dallas

of four Wednesday night. The others

NHL PLATOFFS

are: Anaheim at Detroit, San Jose at Colorado and Buffalo at Ottawa. In other Thursday night games,

Pittsburgh plays at New Jersey and Boston visits Carolina. The Stars, which won the Presidents' Tropby for having the best regular-seasoo record and the Jennings Trophy for the fewest goals yielded,

are also expected to miss their highscoring forward Pat Verbeek. The Oilers were 0-3-1 against Dallas during the season, and two of their top

players - Bill Guerin and Josef Beranek - are out with knee injuries. Meanwhile, the Detroit Red Wings

are going for their third straight Stanley Tugnutt or Damian Rhodes.

On Thursday, the Flyers will open at Cup, which would put them in pretty No NHL team has won that many in

will play bost to Edmooton.

The Dallas-Edmonton game is one pulled off four straight in 1980-83. a row since the New York Islanders Gretzky's Edmonton team won two

in a row twice, in 1984-85 and 1987-88. Pittshurgh was the last team to win two years in a row, in 1991 and 92. The Red Wings and the Anaheim

Mighty Ducks are two of the few teams without any major injuries. "We're deeper than we ever have heen in past years, in every position."

said Chris Osgood, the Detroit goalie. Colorado has been oo a roll in the second half of the season. The Avalanche goalteoder Patrick Roy, who has already won three Stanley Cups. has never looked better. Buffalo and Ottawa played five

overtime games this season, with the

Senators holding a 1-0-4 edge. Their

game will again be a hattle of goalies:

the Sabres' Dominik Hasek vs. Ron

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Playoff Race Intensifies As Season Draws to Close

As the shortened National Baskethall Association regular season draws to a close, the playoff picture grows ever

more clunered and complicated. In the East, 11 teams are in the thick of adelphia and Allen Iverson had 20 dethings, with just a half-game separating four teams in the eighth and

NBA ROUNDUP

ninth spots. New York. Toronto and Charlotte were tied for minth with .500 In the West, three teams, separated hy

only half a game are fighting for the Atlantic Division. eighth playoff spot. Both races got even tighter Monday night. Charlotte. Philadelphia and Toronto won in the East, while New York and Cleveland lost, and Sacra-

mento won in the West to move into a tie

with Seattle, which lost, for the final playoff spot Hornets 120, Nets 113 Charlotte continued its remarkable turnaround, improving to 16-9 under coach Paul Silas by winning in New Jersey. It was the

Homets' eighth straight victory. David Wesley had a 3-point play and a into a tie for eight place in the West. s-point hasket to ignite a late run, and Chuck Person hit three 3-pointers in the final 5:01 as the Homets became 20-20 overall, at .500 for the first time this

a season-high four games. The Knicks committed 8 of their 18 turnovers in the fourth quarter and scored just 28 points in the second half.

Matt Geiger had 22 points for Phil-

spite another poor (6-for-17) shooting performance. Heat 94, Cavaliers 87 Jamal Mashburn scored 23 points, Dan Majerle bad a season-high 22, and Alonzo Mourning blocked nine shots to ne his team record

for blocks as Miami woo in Cleveland. Miami moved into a tie in the loss column with first-place Orlando in the Raptors 90, Magic 72 Tracy McGrady had 16 points and 11 rebounds as he

outscored Penny Hardaway, his boyhood hero, to help Toronto snap a fourgame home losing streak. Hardaway, 27, was held to 11 points, but he added eight assists for visiting

Orlando. Kings 102, Clippers 98 Corliss Williamson scored 5 of his 23 points in the final 2:33, and Jason Williams had 19 points and a career-high 14 assists as Sacramento won in Anaheim to move

The Kings sank five free throws in the final 17 seconds to beat the Clippers on the road for the first time in eight tries. Rockets 120, SuperSonics 113 Sam Mack led a 3-point shooting show to 76ers 72, Knicks 67 New York lost in keep Houston from blowing a hig lead Philadelphia to extend its losing streak to for the second straight game.

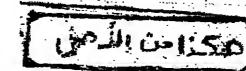


The Heat's Jamal Mashburn going up for two against Cavalier defend-

er Andrew DeClercq in Cleveland. Mack was 7-for-11 from 3-point range and finished with 21 points, Charles Barkley scored 25 points, Hakeem Olajuwon had 24 and Scottle Pip-

pen 22. Detlef Schrempf led visiting Seattle with 28. Pacers 120, Celtics 104 Reggie Miller scored 23 points, Chris Mollin added 21 and Larry Bird raised his record to 7-0 Wo-mor

against his former team. C Neal hit 35 points and Los Angeles scored 19 of the final 27 points to send Vancouver to its 19th straight road loss.



ONDON - If Zinedine Zidane rises to the occasion, and to the bait, in Stadio delle Alpi in Turin on Wednesday night, rest assured that the first man who will rise from his seat

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in admiration will be Gianni Agnelli. The media have had much mischievous sport interpreting what Agnelli, head of the family that runs Fiat and owns Juventus, had to say to Zidane, the most gifted soccer player of the moment and an employee of Agnelli's club. It started with Zidane's comment that he has friends and his wife has family in Spain and that he would like to play there someday. It escalated into a major story on the eve of the know Agnelli better, it gets a shrug. second leg of the UEFA Champions League semifinal against Manchester United — the crux of Juventus's season.

The English are hoping that the world soccer player of the year is such a sen-sitive soul, so easily disturbed by his paymaster's sometimes acerbic tongue, that he will be put off his game on Wednesday. At the World Cup, all the insinuations of Zidane's non-French roots and the clamor following his ejec-tico against Saudi Arabia did oot stop him from dominating the final

If the right knee is sounder than it has been for a month, this is the stage, another stage, for Zizou to perform. If he wants to leave, and to break his contract hy going early, then what better parting gift than the one he has repeatedly said he owes to Juventus: the European Cup? He

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will strive to be a man of his word. The words attributed to Agnelli are: "Zidane is not suffering from homesickness, he is suffering because he is under the control of his wife. I took him aside and asked him: 'Who is the boss, yoo or your wife?' He told me that, since they have two sons, his wife is in charge."

In England, where they fear what Zidane might be able to do on two legs after the way he mesmerized United on one leg two weeks ago, this is reported with headline amazement. In Italy, where they

For half a century and more, Agnelli has indulged in a passion by acquiring the anything apart from his own family. most talented playmakers in soccer. He has reserved the right oot to remain silent on their strengths and weaknesses. There is about him an eternal fascination with great players and a consuming bemusement about what makes them play well.
"I have been spoiled in my life," he

once said. "When I think of those boys we had in the 1980s - Platini and Brady and Boniek — marvelous, marvelous players." The spoiled paymaster, collecting talented performers as other rich business. Veronique Zidane gave up her men collect art, has approached every one own working passion in dance to be the of them with the directness that is allowed only to the young or the very wealthy.

once bemoaned, "One day I amking, the him in any country he chooses.

next a harlot." Zbigniew Boniek, lured out of Eastern Europe to make his for-tune in Turin, kept his first week's wage in a pouch on his belt. Agnelli was amused by that, but not so jocular when Boniek appeared to save himself for European matches. "He comes out at

please him and not to engage in philo-sophical debate — was that Agnelli is first and foremost a fan. He gains more pleasure watching a great individualist on his soccer field than he does from

It is the balance a player is born with, more than any balance sheet at Fiat, that is beyond Agnelli's control, and thus intrigues him. He can't do what Zidane does, which is why he covets it. He can't figure why, if the gift is there, the player doesn't use it again and again and again.

But I bet Mr. Agnelli understands per-fectly well what Mrs. Zidane has on her mind. Her husband is not an industry, though his income is that of a respectable full-time mother of their children. She is Spanish, she likes the sea and she is aware Each of his stars has had to put up with that for these few years at the peak of the patriarch's teasing. Michel Platini Zizon's career there is a green field for

So of course, in an era in which sports stars just pass through and loyalty counts for little, Zidane is only a temporary resident in Piedmont.

Provided you are not rooting for Manchester United, it is best to eojoy this prince of players while you may. His princess has the right to raise the little Zidanes where she pleases. Agnelli has the means to tempt him for as long as night!" the patroo complained.

What the players could not appreciate

for their job was to win for Agnelli to

he can, but when Zidane is gone. Agoelli's purse will procure the next best
creator. Agnelli concluded his short conversation with Zizou by acknowledging that he has oo authority over the woman — and given the way Juventus extracts the essence from its star players and sells them on, Zidane's duty is to family first.

> Rob Hughes is chief sports writer of The Times of London.

■ Bayern Players Fit for Kiev

The goalkeeper Oliver Kahn, who hurt a toe in a league match last week, and Jens Jeremies, a midfielder who has beeo suffering from a thigh injury, are both expected to play Wednesday for Bayern Munich in its semifinal second leg against Dynamo Kiev, The Associated Press reported from Munich. The two teams drew, 3-3, in the first leg in Kiev.

"I'm assuming that we'll reach the final," the Bayern coach, Ottmar Hitzfeld, said. "We have an experienced team that is accustomed to playing uoder pressure."



BATTLE IN BOLOGNA — Fabrizio Ravanelli of Marseille, left, running by two Bologna defenders Tuesday in the second leg of their UEFA Cup semifinal. The teams drew, 1-1, after playing to a scoreless draw in the first leg. Marseille advanced by virtue of an away goal.

Arsenal Blasts Wimbledon, 5-1

The Associated Press

LONDON - Arsenal scored four goals in nine minutes as it beat Wimbledoo, 5-1, to close within one point of Manchester United at the top of the a Wimhledon defeoder. English Premier League standings.

Arsenal had 18 shots on goal in the first half Monday but scored with only one: a first-time shot from close-range by Ray Parlour in the 34th minute.

shot from outside the penalty area. Seveo mioutes later, a header by Nwankwo Kanu rebounded from the crossbar and bounced into the goal off Ben Thatcher,

Then Dennis Bergkamp scored with a low shot, and two minutes after that, Kanu scored from close range after a ball was deflected back to him.

Carl Cort replied for Wimhledon in Patrick Vieira doubled the lead four the 70th minote. It was the first goal minutes into the second half with a low Arseoal has conceded at home in 1999.

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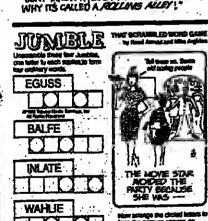
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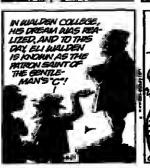
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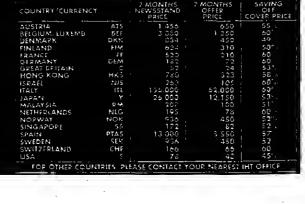






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A Feud on Wheels

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

DARIS — Pablo Picasso was not, in his later years, a great father to his four childreo. He routinely ill-treated Olivier Widmaier-Picasso. his one legitimate son, and he and has its offices in the same neglected the soo and two daughters he had outside of marriage. Still, when he died in 1973, they inherited some of the fruits of his talent and. in three cases, his name.

But like many an enviable legacy, it became a poisoned chalice. Picasso's heirs. including his widow. Jacqueline Roque, squabbled for six years then differed over how to exercise their communal right to exploit the Picasso name commercially until a French court settled the issue in 1989.

Now a new chapter in the saga is unfolding. Last year Claude Picasso, the artist's surviving son and the courtappointed administrator of the estate, sold the Picasso name and signature to PSA Peugeot-Citroen for use by the French automaker. This fall, a family compact, the Citroen Xsara Picasso, will be put on the market. But Marina Picasso, the artist's granddaughter and Claude's niece, has challenged the deal in court.

"I cannot tolerate that the name of my grandfather and of my father be used to sell something as banal as a car," sbe said in January, although the lawsuit was only filed last month. "He was a genius who is now being exploited out-rageously. His name, his very soul, should not be used for

any ends other than his art." Her position seems duly principled, but it is more complicated. She has not filed to all people, Picasso should be reverse the sale of the Picasso associated with a family car.

trademark to PSA Peugeot-Citroen, but rather to challenge a hetty commission paid to a consulting company. Welcome, which happens to be owned by her cousin, building on the elegant Place Vendome as Claude's Picas-

so Administration.

Claude Picasso refused requests for an interview, but his lawyer, Jean-Jacques Neuer, said that four of the five heirs - Claude, Paloma. Maya and Bernard -- have backed the Citroen deal and that, in any case, as sole legal over the distribution of thou- administrator of the estate. sands of paintings, sculptures and drawings worth hundreds of millions of dollars. They For Claude, Neuer said, the Citroen contract is of particular significance, not only because it is the family's most valuable single merchandising agreement to date, but also because it underlines the estate's

strategy of associating the Picasso name with high-quality products. Next in line, apparently, are a Cognac Hennessy Picasso and an ST Dupont Picasso cigarette lighter. Neuer said that given the widespread illegal use of the Picasso name for everything

from T-shirts, coffee mugs and scarves to umbrellas, carpets and even restaurants, the estate believed that the best way of fighting piracy was to make use of the name in a range of products. "If we don't use it. someone else will," he said. The downside of this

publicity every time they fall out with one another. But for many Parisians, the surrealism is not that there will soon be a Picasso car with a \$16.000 price tag, it is that, of

renown is that Picasso's heirs

cannot avoid embarrassing

The Indefatigable Mortimer, Young as Can Be

By Mel Gussow

NEW YORK — As the creator of "Rum-pole of the Bailey," and as a novelist, playwright and man of letters. John Mortimer receives many offers. But one invitation struck a particularly responsive note. About a year ago he was sitting quietly in his home in Henley-on-Thames when the telephone rang. Mortimer recently recalled the conversation: The man said: 'This is Judge Rehnquisi.' We're having a banquet for the Supreme Court, and the only person we want to ad-

Mortimer and his wife flew to Washington, where they were greeted by the chief justice and also by a covey of female judges wearing badges that read. "She who must be obeyed." That admonition was, of course, a reference to the titanic Hilda Rumpole in the television series about the British barrister. Later. Mortimer was given a jour of the Senate by Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

dress us is you as the author of Rumpole."

"a good chap and a great Rumpole fan."
Rumpole is Mortimer's mark of identity.
"my passport." So much so that he, the character and Leo McKern, the actor who plays bim on television, have become almost interchangeable in the eyes of admirers. Mortimer predicts that his obituary will be headlined "Death of Rumpole Man." But Rumpole is only a small part of his wide literary contribution.

Mortimer has written so many books and plays that the list fills an entire prefatory page of his new novel, "The Sound of Trumpets," the last of his "Rapstone Chronicles" trilogy about the British Conservative politician Leslie Titmuss. With the possible exception of Ruth Rendell, who writes mysteries under two names, he may be the most prolific contemporary British author. Age - he is 75 - has not reduced his productivity.

In the four years since he was in New York

for the publication of his second memoir. "Murderers and Other Friends," he has published another novel, "Felix in the Underworld," and a new collection of Rumpole stories. An indefatigable adapter, he found time to write TV versions of Laurie Lee's "Cider With Rosie" and "Don Quixote," He also collaborated with Franco Zeffirelli on the screenplay for "Tea With Mussolini." a movie starring two Dames (Maggie Smith and Judi Dench), one Lady (Olivier) and Cher. And he wrote a new play with a judicial



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Prince Charles, who stood in for his mother. As Sir John, he was told that he could now have a coat of arms. It was suggested that he choose "a nice animal" for his crest, and not a woman's legs as designated by a recently knighted injudicious judge. Mortimer said

that he planned to choose a dormouse.

He explained the choice over lunch: "My favorite quotation is from one of Byron's journals. He said, when you take away infancy, which is pure unconsciousness; eating, slurping, buttoning and unbuttoning, what is there left of life? The summer of a dormouse." With characteristic ebullience he savored those words as well as a half-dozen oysters and a bottle of white burgundy, and said he was thinking of writing a third memoir to be called "The Summer of a Dormouse."

Not a lion, an animal more suited to his mien and his girth, but a tiny dormouse? He laughed at his own modesty. If a dormouse, then one unafraid to speak his mind even when it indicates an occasional instance of political incorrectness, as in his support of fox hunting.
That stand enraged his fellow Champagne
Socialists, a label that he readily accepts background. On a day off, he was knighted by though it is rejected by others of the ilk.

His streak of stubborn independence is exemplified by Leslie Titmuss, the second-most-famous Mortimer character. An arch-Conservative and worshiper of Margaret Thatcher, he is the central figure in the trilogy, which began in 1986 with "Paradise Postponed" and continued in "Titmuss Regained." The two earlier books were adapted for television, and the third probably will have a similar future, perhaps with David Threlfall once again starring as Titmuss.

Despite the difference in their politics. Mortimer likes Timuss, because he is "him-self." and he doesn't "rim his sails." In contrast to other politicians, he is neither a hypocrite nor a moralist. As Mortimer said.

"He hasn't got that failing."

The tale of Tirnuss began after Mortimer adapted Evelyn Waugh's "Brideshead Revisited" for television and was talking with Thames Television about future projects. It was suggested that he write a series about England after World War II. As with "Brideshead," he thought adaptation was in order, but when he could not find a suitable work by someone else, he decided to write his owo novel, his first in 20 years.

In creating Titmuss as a child of the working class, he thought about what he considered to be the two great political movements in England in his time: Removing the Conservative Party from the upper classes and giving it to the white-collar workers who are innately conservative." If a left-wing politician says all the right-wing things, he noted, the right wing will have nothing left to say. The first book dealt with the aftermath of

the war and the second focused on Tinnuss's "total misunderstanding of women." and was also about environmentalism and the huilding of a new town. The current novel could have been called "Titmuss's Revenge." Furious at the Conservative Party's dumping of Thatcher in favor of John Major, he plots to have Terry Flitton, the Labor candidate in his district, win

the election. The real hero of the book is Agnes Simcox, and she is probably the main reason Mortimer wrote the novel. Terry, who has a gorgeous (but dull) young wife, has an affair with 50-year-old Agnes. "I love Agnes. Mortimer said. "I'm so fed up with stories of middle-aged men leaving their middle-aged wives for beautiful young girls. I wanted to write a story with a man leaving a beautiful young girl for a wonderful, hard-drinking, hard-smoking middle-aged woman.

Asked if he remembered had reviews,

Mortimer said: "Absolutely, My first novel — I must have been 24 or 25 — had very good reviews and one from John Gielgud's brother, Val. It said, 'This author indulges in piddling around the skirts of sex, which passes as sophistication in suburban life.' I

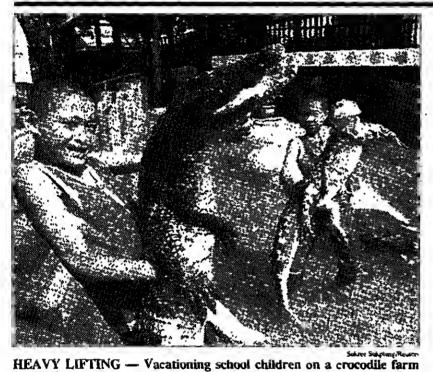
can't remember any other review."

Physically Mortimer has slowed down a hit. He now walks with a cane, but be still eats and drinks beartily and avoids anything remotely resembling exercise. As always, he arises early in the morning and goes to work. Writing in longhand, be produces at least a thousand words a day, and never seems to be short of ideas. He is dramatizing Henry James's "Spoils of Poynton." There may be a new Rumpole in his future, and even Leslie Timuss may return for another critical look

at the changing political landscape.

As 'an antique,' Mortimer considered writing a book about getting old. 'I thought of this first line,' he said. 'There's a time of your life when the voice of God speaks out of the sky and says, 'From this day forth thou

shalt not be able to put on thy socks." "I don't feel old. Once I'm sitting down and talking, I feel as young as can be.



outside Bangkok learning to care for a few of the farm's 60,000 residents.

DUST off the Deux Chevaux, dig out the atlas, and start saving now, and you might find yourself in the Guinness Book of Records. The chroniclers of the world's most improbable achievements announced Tuesday a new race around the world. Eighty cars will leave London's Millennium Dome on Oct. 15. 2000, for an odyssey eastward through at least 25 countries. Racers choose their own routes through Europe. Asia, Australia, the Americas and Africa—as long as they pass through six "gates" along the route and turn up on time for ocean crossings on two Russian cargo planes. They will be responsible for finding fuel and oegotiating their way past customs officers. "It's not a race, it's not a rally, it's a long-term endurance and reliability adventure." Lain Chapman, a former British Army officer who is organizing the Guinness World Records Road Challenge, said at the announcement of the race in Sydney on Tuesday. Private entrants, expected to make up the bulk of racers, will pay £100,000 (\$161,000) a vehicle: carmakers will pay more. The

book's 1999 edition says the fastest cir-

cumnavigation of the globe in a car was by Mohammed Choudhury and his wife, Neena, in a Hindustan Contessa Classic 10 years ago, in 69 days, 19 hours and S minutes.

The actress Bo Derek will be the grand marshal for the International Boxing Hall of Fame's anniversary Moore's fantasies.

Parade of Champions in Canastota, New York, in June. "It is a natural combination. We're celebrating our 10th anniversary, and she's known as the perfect 10," the Hall of Fame's executive director. Edward Brophy, said. Derek became a sensation in the 1979 Blake Edwards comedy, "10," in which she was the object of Dudley

Drama Desk Snubbeth 'The Iceman'

PEOPLE

NEW YORK — Kevin Spacey's critically praised portrayal of a garrulous barfly in the Broadway revival of "The Iceman Cometh" was not on the list of best performances released by the Drama Desk on Monday, when the organization annouoced its nominations for the best of the New York theater

season. Also snubbed was Nicole Kidman for "The Blue Room." Nominated for best actor in a play were Brian Dennehy for "Death of a Salesman." Scott Glenn for "Killer Joe," Finbar Lynch and Corin Redgrave for "Not About Nightingales," Toby Stephens for "Ring Round the Moon" and Patrick Stewart for "The Ride Down Mt. Morgan,"

Nominated for best play were "Betty's Summer Vacation," "Closer," "Not About Nightingales," "The Ride Down Mt. Morgan," "Snakebit" and 'Wit." The winners will be announced May 9.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a defender of New York City's reservoirs, is launching a bottled water called Keeper Springs Mountain Spring Water. The idea. Kennedy says, is to capture some of the \$4 billion now spent annually on bottled water and channel the mooey into preserving public water supplies. Kennedy is taking no salary and all profits are to go to clean-water campaigns. "The best thing that could happen to our company is to put us out of business," Kennedy said. "I drink tap water," he said.

The former Beirut hostage John Mc-Carthy married a BBC editor in a private ceremony attended by several of the others with whom he shared so many mooths of captivity. McCarthy exchanged vows with Anna Ottewill on Friday at a church in Bepton, in southern England, the national news agency Press Association reported. Fellow hostages Terry Waite, Brian Keenan, Terry Anderson and their wives attended the ceremony, Press Association said.



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